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Israel will pull out if security in place

NEW YORK (JTA) — Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir reiterated last week Israel's readiness to withdraw all its forces from Lebanon, but he said the withdrawal will take place only if security measures are established to protect Israel's northern border from terrorist attacks.

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly, Shamir stated: "Let me repeat, any people or state that is interested in the evacuation of the Israel army from Lebanon must see to it that the terrorist organizations expelled from Lebanon by Israel do not return to our borders to renew their attacks. This is an essential condition for peace. Israel is ready to cooperate in any serious effort toward a fair solution to this problem."

Shamir assailed Syria's occupation of Lebanon as the major obstacle toward a solution in that country. He said that Syria "destroyed" the agreement reached between Lebanon and Israel in May 1983 "by the application of sheer, brutal force."

He said the agreement was designed to restore Lebanon's independence.

"Today, some 40,000 Syrian troops occupy 65% of Lebanon and show no sign of any intention to leave," Shamir said.

"The Lebanese government is dominated by Syria and is not capable of conducting free negotiations that would resolve its problems with Israel. Obviously, Israel will assure its legitimate security needs

Yitzhak Shamir

and make the necessary arrangements in southern Lebanon to protect the people of northern Israel against any repetition of the terrorist attacks of recent years."

As for the overall solution of the Middle East conflict, Shamir noted that recently the idea of convening an international conference on the Mideast was "resurrected."

Israel, Shamir declared, is against such a conference because it "would strike a blow at the principle of direct negotiations, which has proved to be the only means of producing agreements between Israel and its neighbors, from the time of the general armistice agreement in 1949 through the Camp David Accords in 1978."

Shamir called on "member countries that have the interest of peace at heart to bring their influence to bear on our Arab neighbors" to seek peace with Israel through direct negotiations.

Most of the Arab delegates, except Egypt, walked out of the assembly hall as Shamir started his speech. The Soviet delegation, as well as some African and Communist countries, were also absent during the Israeli diplomat's speech.

Shamir blasted international terrorism and called on the world community to make the war against terrorism one of its major targets. "This is a war of self-defence in its true sense, a campaign that the free world should under-

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Tough measures start holidays

Peres doesn't bear any gifts

By
PHILIP GILLON

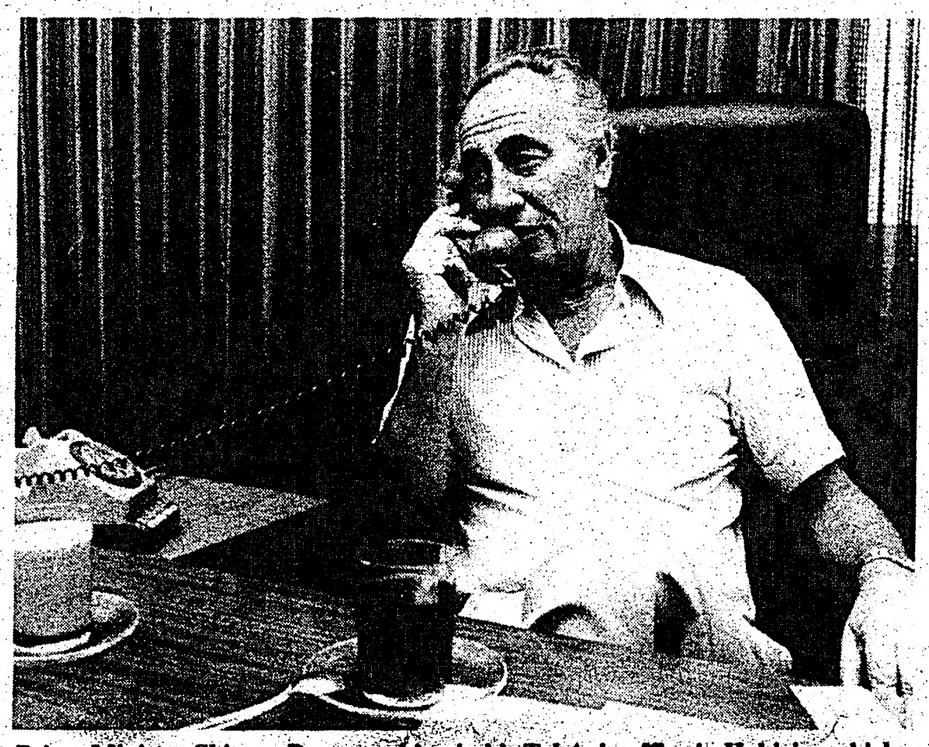
JERUSALEM (JCNS) — The first act of Shimon Peres as Israel's new Prime Minister was to defy the time-honored custom of bringing gifts of honey and sweet wine for Rosh Hashanah. Instead, he chose to start his term of office, like King Rehoboam, by chastening his people — not only with whips, but also with scorpions.

He introduced several stern economic measures aimed at reducing the standard of living of every Israeli by 10%, just before the holiday began.

What is strange is that the general reaction has been one almost of delight, certainly of not displeased resignation. This is not because Israelis are masochists, but because they have all known for months that the economic situation is so parlous that sacrifices were vital for Israel to endure.

Their fear was that no government would be strong enough to enforce reforms.

It will be recalled that Menachem Begin retired in despair because of the squabbles in his cabinet about who would bear the burden of budget cuts.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres working in his Tel Aviv office in Hakiriya which was used by the late Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. [IPPA photo]

The new government acted so fast, so bravely and so unanimously to pluck the economic nettle that overnight it changed its public image. The weeks of horse-trading and huckstering that preceded the signing of the Labor-Likud pact had given an impression that the coalition was very fragile. People quipped about the brevity of its expectation of life. A man, whose car had done over 100,000 miles and who was advised to bury it in the nearest motorcar graveyard, retorted, "No, I think it will still live longer than the government."

At that stage most people agreed with Victor Shemtov, who was leading Mapam out of the Labor Alignment, that the government was a 2-headed monster that would perish when the two heads began to devour each other.

There were references to the old joke about a camel being a horse designed by a committee — the government was said to be even more mis-shapen than the horse of the desert. The classically minded compared it to the many-headed hydra, except that they claimed no Hercules would be needed to destroy it.

Now people are no longer certain that the government will collapse in the very near future. Peres

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Busy time for Peres

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Premier Shimon Peres is in the United States this week for a hectic 6-day official visit.

At CJN press time (Oct. 5) he was scheduled to meet with President Ronald Reagan and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz during his visit here, also with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Vice-President George Bush was to host a dinner in his honor.

He is to meet also with presidential candidate Walter Mondale and with UN Secretary-General Javier Peres de Cuellar.

He will be the guest of Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York at the beginning of Succoth and on the first day of the holiday will receive various notables in his hotel suite, including Henry Kissinger and Jeane Kirkpatrick.

Peace can't be imposed Rosenne tells UJA meet

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli ambassador Meir Rosenne said last week that the rejection by King Hussein of Jordan of the offer by the new Israeli unity government to begin negotiations demonstrates that the Arab countries only want an imposed settlement.

"We have said for years that if you want to establish peace you sit in the negotiating table, you submit, you present your requests and then there is a discussion," Rosenne said at the closing banquet of the United Jewish Appeal's Hineni, a 3-day gathering of the UJA's major leadership.

"The trouble is that the Arab countries want the results of the negotiations before any negotiations take place," he said. He added this is why the government of Premier Golda Meir rejected the plan proposed by Secretary of State William Rogers in the Nixon administration and Premier Menachem Begin rejected President Reagan's Sept 1, 1982 Mideast peace initiative.

"There can be peace in the Middle East only if the Arab countries understand they cannot impose peace on Israel," he stressed.

Rosenne predicted that the Soviet Union will launch a major campaign to press for its call for an international conference on the Middle East that will include the United States, the USSR, Israel, the Arab countries, the Palestine Liberation Organization and perhaps the West European countries.

He said Israel and the U.S. oppose this because "nothing will come out of such a conference."

He noted that in 1977 the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat went to Jerusalem partly because the U.S. and the Soviet Union issued a joint statement calling for an international conference in Geneva.

The Israeli envoy said negotiations will come about when the Arabs realize Israel is strong, not only militarily but internally.

He said the establishment by the Likud and Labor of a national unity government "is the best evidence to what extent political leaders in Israel are ready to give up narrow party interests and to work in the interest of the entire nation."

Israel bans luxury items

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government last week imposed a 6-month ban on the import of a large selection of items in a desperate effort to save Israel's fast dwindling foreign currency reserves.

The measure, which the economic cabinet agreed to only after a prolonged, stormy debate, was announced by Minister of Commerce and Industry Ariel Sharon at a press conference.

It was adopted after foreign currency reserves sank to about $2 billion, sufficient to pay for imports over a 40-day period only. Until recently, Israel maintained foreign currency reserves of $3 billion which is considered the "red line" or danger point.

Sharon listed 50 import items classified "luxury" which are affected by the ban. They include automobiles, color television sets, refrigerators, video recorders, car radios, furniture, cosmetics, chocolate and soft drinks. Items in those categories presently on the way to Israel or not yet released by Customs will be subject to a 40% levy. The average price of an automobile will rise from $10,000 to $13,000.

Sharon announced a price freeze on products made in Israel concurrent with the import ban. This measure will prevent local manufacturers from raising their prices as import goods disappear from the market.

The government also announced that Israelis traveling abroad will not be allowed to use credit cards overseas and the maximum foreign currency they can take with them is reduced from $2,000 to $1,000.

U.S. House, Senate approve free trade area with Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Both the House and Senate last week approved the establishment of a free trade area with Israel. The House vote was 416-6 and the Senate vote 96-0.

Some differences between the two bills were to be ironed out by a committee of both the House and Senate and it was expected the final legislation would be approved before Congress adjourned (which was to take place just before this issue of The CJN went to press on Oct. 5).

The only concern about the Free Trade Act which was noted by the Reagan administration came from some of the U.S. areas whose products could be hurt by Israeli competition.

U.S. trade representative William Brock has given written assurances that "the import sensitivity of textile apparel, leather goods and footwear will be taken account in negotiating with Israel."

Brock, who will be negotiating the FTA with Israel, also said "the elimination of Israel's export subsidies in these areas will serve as a precondition for U.S. agreement to this free trade zone."

Gaza Strip site of new synagogue

BEERSHEBA (JTA) — President Chaim Herzog said last week that Jews have the right to settle anywhere in biblical Palestine-Eretz Yisrael, or the Land of Israel — but should establish settlements only when and where there has been a government decision to do so, and only if this deprives no one of land or property.

Herzog was addressing settlers during the first-ever presidential visit to Jewish settlements in the Katif bloc in the Gaza District.

During his tour of the 14 settlements in the area he participated in dedication ceremonies of a luxurious new synagogue at Ganei Tal.

The President praised the good relations between Gaza Strip Jewish settlers and their Arab neighbors, saying this provided a good example for the nation. But despite those good relations, none of the local Arab notables accepted invitations to attend the ceremonies surrounding the visit.

World-National

Pe're's return a symbol of integrity

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The last issue of Negev, a journal issued by Ben-Gurion University, contains a number of fascinating articles. None is more intriguing than the story of a wild ass called The Return of the Pe're. Written by Bill Clark, it is the tale of an extinct species and how it has been recreated — or nearly so.

Rabbi Plaut

Any reader of the Bible knows that it mentions many animals, the identity of which we cannot determine precisely. In some cases this is due to the fact that the species mentioned no longer exists.

Then there are those animals which are well known but which disappeared relatively recently. One of these is the pe're, in English known as onager or Asiatic wild ass (equis hemionus). To the ancient dweller of the land of Israel the pe're was the wildest of creatures, the image of the free roaming, untameable creature that would never accept a yoke and would always remain unpredictable and uncontrolled.

In describing the personality of Ishmael, the Torah calls him a "pe're of a man," to indicate that he would always be of the desert, free from encroachment.

When Job describes the power of the Almighty he muses, "Who sets the wild ass free? Who loosens the bonds of the onager whose home I have made the wilderness, the salt land his dwelling place?"

Unfortunately, in the course of centuries, the wild ass became extinct and the particular species that roamed the Negev disappeared from the face of the earth. One of the unheralded and unsung achievments of the state has been its constant concern for a restoration of Israel's natural ecology and its attempt to re-establish to the country its ancient flora and fauna.

In 1968 Prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands assisted the Israelis in bringing a kind of pe're back to the land. The closest living relative of the extinct species was found in a zoo in Copenhagen from where three animals were taken to the Negev's Hai-Bar Wildlife Reserve.

Israel's conservationists worked for 15 years with their animals before releasing them. Day in, day out, the equines were "taught" to be wild, learning how to deal with the dangers and needs of a wild environment. Thus, for instance, the young animals did not know what danger meant, because they recognized neither its signs nor its meaning.

Now the original three animals have grown into a herd of 50 and the first of them have been released into the open Negev. "The restoration of pe're to the Negev, after 15 years of continued difficult labor, stands symbolically as the restoration of human integrity and responsibility in the stewardship of the Land itself," writes Clark.

If you want to read the full details of this intriguing tale, phone or write Ben-Gurion University Associates. They have chapters in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Ottawa.

Israel sends new man in

Ambassador woos UN diplomats

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's newest ambassador to the United Nations, has some big plans on how best to win friends and influence people for Israel.

The 35-year-old diplomat has spent the past two years in Washington as the deputy chief of mission at the embassy honing his oratorical and public relations skills. In the process, he has earned a first-class reputation among his Israeli colleagues as well as the many American policy-makers, legislators and opinion molders who have come to know him.

He is one of the most sought-after speakers before local and national Jewish organizations. What is even more important is that he makes an excellent impression on the many important U.S. television interview programs.

Having grown up and studied in both Israel and the United States, he speaks English with no Israeli accent and Hebrew with no American accent. He knows how to socialize with Americans — a skill vital for a diplomat in the United States.

In Washington and New York, there is little doubt that Netanyahu is the right man at the right time to succeed in his newest mission.

The ambassador, the younger brother of the slain Entebbe rescue hero, Jonathan Netanyahu, will be able to use his base and platform at the United Nations to score points for Israel where it counts most — in the United States. He and other Israeli officials are under no illusions that Israel's standing at the UN might change. There are simply too many built-in-, anti-Israeli majorities there.

But the right person at the UN — whether for Israel or any other country for that matter — can do wonders in the seemingly never-ending battle for public opinion.

Thus, several of America's envoys there over the years, especially New York's Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and Jeane Kirkpatrick, the current ambassador, have exploited that position to promote their country's interests. In the process, by the way, they have helped their own careers as well.

This was also especially true of Chaim Herzog, who returned to Israel from the United Nations, first, to enter the Knesset, and, later, to win the presidency.

Those who know Netanyahu well believe that it is reasonable to predict that he, too, will eventually return to Israel where his political career will really start to take off.

Despite his youth, he has a string of accomplishments which have dazzled Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Minister Without Portfolio Moshe Arens and other Likud leaders. But his support was not limited only to the Likud. Over the years, for example, he had developed a very good working and personal relationship with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and others in the Labor Party.

Netanyahu's UN appointment was delayed because of the elections and the subsequent negotiations aimed at forming the national unity government. He had been patiently waiting for the announcement for months, aware that his continued presence at the embassy in Washington was rather awkward.

Although he and Ambassador Meir Rosenne managed to develop a relatively smooth-working relationship, everyone knew that Netanyahu had been Arens' first choice for the job and that, of course, created some friction.

Arens gave up the key embassy slot to succeed Ariel Sharon as defence minister, and upon leaving recommended Netanyahu to replace him.

Netanyahu believed too young

But at that time, the foreign ministry lobbied against the appointment, believing Netanyahu was too young and inexperienced for the Washington position.

It had been Arens who had tapped Netanyahu for the number 2 position in Washington to begin with. And more recently, it was Arens who urged Shamir and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to dispatch Netanyahu to the United Nations where his skills could be most effectively used.

During his two years in Washington, Netanyahu demonstrated an excellent ability to establish contacts with influential Americans. This was especially evident during last June's Second Jonathan Institute International Conference on Terrorism. The first had taken place in Jerusalem in 1979, and it was there that Arens had initially detected his talent in organizational skills on behalf of Israel.

The conference generated extensive publicity, focusing early attention on one of the great dangers facing not only Israel, but, as subsequent events have vividly demonstrated, the entire Western world.

This past June, Netanyahu scored a second triumph with his highly praised conference in Washington. Again, international heavyweights participated during the affair, including Kirkpatrick, Secretary of State George Shultz, FBI Director William Webster, White House Counsel Ed Meese and several senators and congressmen.

Both Arens and Rabin flew to Washington especially for the event, which received extensive publicity in the American news media.

While others were very much involved in putting the conference together, it was clear to all concerned that the event was really Netanyahu's baby. For him, it was a mission of love. The Jonathan Institute, after all, is named after his older brother.

In the course of organizing both conferences, he has himself become a recognized authority of some worldwide stature on the subject of terrorism. When ABC's Ted Koppel, for example, recently needed someone to address the subject on his popular Nightline television program, he turned to Netanyahu.

In addition, Netanyahu has come to know many of the leading figures around the world on terrorism — most of whom journeyed to Jerusalem and Washington to address or simply to observe the session.

He has established especially close relationships with two of the most influential columnists in America — George Will and William Safire, the latter having promoted in his column the idea of Netanyahu's succeeding Arens.

These and other contacts, deeply appreciated in Jerusalem, no doubt helped secure him the UN assignment.

U.S. finds options limited in fighting war on terrorism

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

One of the first things the Reagan administration did when it took office was to "declare war on terrorism." President Reagan enunciated that policy in his inaugural address and the then secretary of state, Alexander Haig, reported it every chance he got. The terrorists, though, either unimpressed or indifferent newspaper readers, have since struck three different times at American installations in Lebanon. This war is distinctly one-sided.

And so it almost has to be. The latest bombing of the American embassy in Beirut was apparently the work of a group called the Islamic Holy War. At least, that's who claimed responsibility, but other than that little is known. They may or may not exist; they may or may not be linked to Syria, Iran or both. But they are too few and too shadowy to present much of a target for retaliation.

Just about everyone recognizes that. American options are limited and maybe nothing at all can be done. Contrast that, though, with the feisty can-do spirit which infused the Reagan administration in its early, naive, days when it held President Carter personally responsible for the humiliation that was Iran. American hostages were held for 444 days and released only on the day that President Reagan took office. It was, as Jerry Ford said in a different context, a long national nightmare.

Back then, neither Reagan nor his foreign policy advisors had to deal with reality. It was easy to take a cheap shot at Carter and pretend that they would have handled the Iranian crisis differently — although just how they can not say. In fact, administration spokesmen persist in summoning up the spectre of Iran as a reminder of the days when America, instead of standing tall, was supine.

Now we are standing tall. Since having improved our posture in the saddle, though, the U.S. embassy in Beirut was bombed April 18, 1983, with the loss of 63 lives, 17 of them American. In October, terrorists bombed the Marine barracks near the Beirut airport, killing 241 persons and wounding many more. War was again declared against terrorism, but again the terrorists didn't notice. Now, the American embassy has been bombed again with at least 23 dead.

There is getting to be not much of a difference between standing tall and lying flat on our back.

Carter was exiled from American politics for his inability to make the world conform to the rules of a Hollywood western. It will be interesting to see if the same thing happens to Reagan. The chances are that it will not, that the President by dint of his public relations acumen will be able to ride this one out — rhetorically tall in the saddle while in reality sprawled in the dust. Neither his rhetoric nor his ideology has been able to make a dent in the zealousness of terrorists. If some nut wants to drive a bomb-laden car into a building, some nut is going to figure a way to do it.

Lebanon is sui generis — unique. But it is emblematic of a certain, awful kind of reality. It sticks its tongue out at presidential rhetoric, shows the limitations of power and mocks a vast U.S. arsenal that has grown incomparably vaster under Ronald Reagan. Lebanon is no different, in its own way, than is Central America or the Soviet Union.

In all three areas, the administration's foreign policy is rooted in force that either cannot be applied or dares not be applied. Since Carter, nothing has changed for the better, other than the manner of delivering the news. In fact, much has changed for the worse — especially Soviet-American relations.

This is the way the world is. The cavalry is gone, and standing tall is a rhetorical device at best, a flight from reality at worst. The President, like Gulliver, finds himself fettered by the world's Lilliputians — be they the Islamic Holy War in the Middle East or the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. Even retaliation, as the Israeli experience suggests, would not change matters.

Power, as Jimmy Carter knew, has its limitations. Reagan ridiculed him for that, but this debate is no different than all others. Reality has the last word.

(Washington Post Writers Group)

California third state to sign autopsy bill

NEW YORK (JTA)—

A bill to protect observant Jews in California against autopsies and other Jewishly-unacceptable post-mortem procedures was signed into law last week by Governor George Deukmejian of California, becoming the third such law in the United States, Agudath Israel of America reported.

The first state was New York and the second New Jersey.

The California law establishes procedures whereby persons 18 years of age or older can execute a "certificate of religious belief," stating their religious opposition to post-mortem procedures.

If, upon such a person's death, a relative or friend notifies the coroner for the area that the dead person had executed a certificate of religious opposition, and produces the certificate within 48 hours after informing the coroner, the coroner may not perform the post-mortem procedure.

Exceptions applying in the three states permit the medical examiner to proceed with an autopsy if there is suspected or known homicide, or a suspected or known public health hazard, such as a communicable disease.

First for country

American-style shopping plaza coming to Israel

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

By next summer, Israelis will, for the first time, know the convenience of shopping at a North American-style shopping centre.

Montreal developer David Azrieli, who conceived, designed and will remain the sole owner, says the Canion Ayalon Shopping Centre in Ramat Gan should open by June, 1985.

Azrieli has invested between $18-$20 million (U.S.) in the project, which has been under construction for about a year. With another $40 million expected to come from the merchants and other expenditures, the shopping centre's value is expected to top $100 million by the time it is completed, he said.

Canion Ayalon derives its name from two Hebrew words: Caniya, meaning "to buy" and Chanayo, meaning "parking," as well as its location on the Ayalon Expressway.

The shopping centre is right next door to the Maccabiah Stadium, where the international games will be held next summer.

The centre's parking lot, which will accommodate 1,400 cars, will be shared with the stadium.

The centre will be in a class by itself in Israel as the first enclosed mall of its kind.

It represents a sharp departure from the millennia-old tradition of small shopkeeping in the region.

Spread over 270,000 square feet, just on the border of Tel Aviv proper, the fully air-conditioned shopping centre will house over 80 stores anchored at either end by a 2-level Shekem, the largest department store chain in Israel, and a Supersol, a Canadian-owned supermarket.

Azrieli likens the layout to Pointe Claire's Fairview Shopping Centre, or, in Toronto, the Thorncliffe Marketplace or Markham Place.

Azrieli already owns six shopping centres in Quebec, Ontario and Florida.

In addition to stores, Canion Ayalon will have a fast food section consisting of 10 outlets, selling everything from hamburgers to oriental dishes, two other restaurants, four cinemas, a bank, and a Superpharm, the Canadian-owned drug store.

"It will be 1-stop shopping the way we know it in North America," said Azrieli. Ninety precent of the space has already been leased and he is confident that will climb to full occupancy by opening.

There will also be an amphitheatre in the centre for entertainment, something along the line of what Complexe Desjardins in Montreal has.

Construction, he said, is on schedule despite a few minor delays.

Azrieli says the area the shopping centre is being built on was zoned for such a commercial establishment 18 years ago. But no one seized this "tremendous opportunity," as he calls it.

The area is at the intersection of two major highways running east-west and north-south and in the centre of a 5-kilometre radius of the entire Tel Aviv-Yafo area.

Azrieli expects the centre to create 1,000 permanent jobs when it is in operation.

An attempt is being made to blend the shopping centre into its environs. Pink marble from Hebron is being used on the exterior and some 300 palm trees from the Jordan Valley will be planted throughout the parking lot, as well as flower gardens.

Azrieli points out that this was an abandoned lot that had become an eyesore before the development. In front of the centre there will be giant menorah.

All construction materials are Israeli-made, except for some electrical and air-conditioning parts.

Azrieli says with ownership remaining in his hands, rather than selling space to the merchants as is generally the practice in Israel, better administration will be possible in terms of maintenance and ensuring a balanced merchandise mix.

He believes Israel's receptivity to the shopping centre is an indication that the country is "more mature in the way it organizes its commerce.

"Israel has grown from a nation of small shopkeepers to merchants competing at the international level.

"Commerce is being streamlined. Israel is striving to cut costs for middle men and to provide goods and services on a uniform basis throughout Israel, not just in the large centres."

Moreover, inflation notwithstanding, the average Israeli's standard of living has risen over the years. Israelis travel abroad a great deal and have learned to appreciate the way merchandise is made available in North America, Azrieli said.

He says Canadian entrepreneurs should be aware that many more opportunities exist in Israel for similar developments and, he emphasizes, they should take advantage of them for sound business reasons, not out of sentimentality.

"This is absolutely not a charitable endeavor. I expect a very good return on my investment," he said.

Azrieli plans to make a special invitation to Canadian businessmen to attend the opening of the shopping centre and see for themselves.

"The opportunities are there; it's wide open. There is also ample financing available in Israel. What is needed is the knowhow and experience Canadians can offer."

David Azrieli (facing left) points out features of his shopping centre to Canadian ambassador Vernon Turner and local businessmen and city officials.

Reform reforms

TORONTO —

An experiment by Holy Blossom Temple, a Reform synagogue, to observe the full two days of Rosh Hashanah, proved very successful, according to Dow Marmur, senior rabbi of the Temple.

"We experimented and since 400 people turned out — very enthusiastically — I hope that this will become a regular occurrence," Marmur told The CJN last week.

This was the first time in the Temple's 60-year practice of observing only one day of Rosh Hashanah, that two days were observed.

Marmur said that in view of the enthusiastic response of a second day service, he will take the matter before the worship committee and then before the board members to decide on whether this will become a permanent practice.

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Living Halacha

By
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QUESTION: I understand that if it rains on the first night of Succoth it is a sign of Divine displeasure and rejection. Is this true? What do we do then?

Rabbi Burak

As far as the Code is concerned, if it rains during the days of Succoth, you take it in your stride.

The Code gives a number of rulings to the effect that you need not suffer from inclement weather in your succah. While it may be alright for fans at a football game to sit through freezing rain and snow, that's not the way of the Torah. A chag or festival was not given to make us uncomfortable. So, if it rains and you are uncomfortable, or even if it doesn't rain, but you have unexpected visitors such as bees or wasps, into the house you go.

But the first night of Succoth is special, so if it rains, you are asked to be patient. Haven't you seen a rain, or even a heavy downpour that came to a stop after beating sharply against your windowpanes for an hour? Be patient and wait; the rain will stop, and then you will go into your succah, make kiddush, and enjoy your meal.

If the rain continues, you continue to wait. How long? Up to midnight. That is the opinion of some of the authorities. But the Mishneh Berurah, O. H. Chapter 639:35, sides with those authorities who hold that such waiting destroys the joy of the Holy Days of a family. Two hours is the maximum delay.

Aside from the physical discomfort in this waiting, there is a spiritual discomfort as well. A voice inside of you says something like this: "You made all the preparations for Yom Tov. You spent a small fortune on your succah. You paid a handsome sum to the carpenter who erected it for you. But, it was all in vain since you can't sit in your succah."

This discomfort is heightened by the statement of the sages of the Talmud in Tractate Succah, 28B-29 A, that if it rains during the Feast of Tabernacles, it may be compared in a parable to the act of a slave preparing a drink of wine for his master, only to have the master turn around and throw it all into the slave's face. Thus, we have prepared a succah, but the Almighty has thrown water into our faces and rejected our offering.

Since such rains occur all too often in Canada and the United States during this festival, I bid you to stop for a moment from all such thoughts. There is something called climate. There is a time and a place for hot weather, as there is for cold weather. There is a time for rain, and there is a dry season. This is especially true of the land of Israel. There, the seasons are clearly marked out. The rainy season begins at a certain time. If there is rain when there should be sunshine, it's an impressive and highly unusual phenomenon.

We see this in First Samuel, Chapter 12:16-17, when Samuel reprimands his people by saying: "Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which the Lord will do before your eyes. Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call upon the Lord, that He may send thunder and rain; and you shall know that your wickedness was great . . ." In Israel, it never rains on the days of the wheat harvest. If it did rain on those days, it would be a sign of Divine displeasure. The seasons there are not overturned for nothing.

Succoth is still part of the summer season in Israel. Some feel that it is the loveliest time of the year. If it rains then, it can be seen as a sign that the Lord is not so happy with His servants. But, for us who live in Canada and the United States, and for all who do not have a Mediterranean climate, it's another matter.

Here, there is nothing unusual about rain in this season. Our area is the land over which the prevailing westerlies blow and bring rain at this time. So, build your succah, and if it rains Hashem is not angry with you; He is blessing you with a bountiful harvest for next year.

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Kadonoff in charge

CFB Comox gets new commander

Col. Bob Kadonoff, new commander of CFB Comox, reviews the troops.

COMOX, BC — Bob Kadonoff, a native of Montreal, has been promoted to full colonel and recently took over the command of the Canadian Forces Base here.

Command was handed over to Kadonoff by outgoing Col. Bob Dobson in a recent ceremony at the base. All squadrons gathered for a full color parade to mark the occasion.

The promotion caps a 28-year military career for Kadonoff. Born and raised in Montreal, Kadonoff, 47, trained as a navigator and began his career with 432 Squadron at the base in Bagotville, Que. He was then transferred to the Central Experimental and Proving Establishment at Cold Lake, where he became involved in test and development work.

Following a tour as staff officer at Air Defence Headquarters in St. Hubert, Que., he was assigned to NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs as an intelligence air analyst.

In 1968, Kadonoff trained as a pilot and began service with 441 Squadron in Baden Soellingen, West Germany as flight commander.

Following a stint as senior operations officer at Cold Lake, Kadonoff returned to Baden Soellingen as commander of 421 Squadron. Three years ago, he was transferred to Fourth Allied Tactical Air Force Headquarters in Heidelberg, West Germany as deputy chief of attack operations.

Kadonoff attended the Royal Air Force warfare course at Cranwell, England last year and since then has been on the directing staff of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ont.

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PLO again loses bid for observer status

Dates shifted so Jews can attend financial meet

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON —

Israel and the Jewish people received recognition of their status and tradition from the governors of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and its affiliates in arrangements for their recent annual meetings in Washington and by keeping the Palestine Liberation Organization's hope for observer rating in cold storage.

Under their original schedules, the meetings in Washington were to have overlapped both days of Rosh Hashanah. Instead, the sessions were advanced one day when this was discovered, out of respect for the Israeli delegation and other personnel in various capacities in the global organizations.

A spokesman for the World Bank explained that an effort was made to shift the entire schedule to the week prior to Rosh Hashanah but hotel space was unavailable on new dates. Thus, the best that could be done, he said, was to overlap Rosh Hashanah's first night and to noon on its first day, when the meetings adjourned.

The spokesman pointed out that the attendance at the sessions, made up of officials of the financial institutions, their secretariats, guests and delegations from 148 member-countries, plus media personnel, totaled more than 12,000.

Israel's delegation of eight members was headed by Moshe Y. Mandelbaum, governor of the Bank of Israel, in the absence of Israel's new finance minister, Yitzhak Modai. He could not leave Israel in view of the country's economic problems and preparations to meet them before Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir visit President Reagan at the White House Oct. 8 with a blueprint of their plans to halt Israel's inflation and their request for additional aid of up to a billion dollars from the United States.

Dan Halperin, minister of economic affairs at the Israeli embassy here, represented Modai at the IMF and bank meetings.

Meanwhile, there was no sign of movement towards the PLO's continuing efforts to win observer status. "The freeze continues," a World Bank official said. "The only observer continues to be Switzerland."

The PLO, which has been seeking such status since the late 1970s, waged a campaign with the aid of some Third World countries in 1981 but the drive was finessed by a decision of the institution's membership by which Switzerland's status was continued while the member countries would submit their views on PLO status to the governors of the IMF and World Bank. This position was continued this year and the previous two years.

"I don't know the tally of how many countries have presented views and if I knew I couldn't tell you," the official said. "All I can say is that the observer position is unchanged; it is frozen."

The PLO's defeat in 1981 came despite the fact Kuwait's delegation leader was chairman of the World Bank meeting and the meeting was scheduled so that it would not overlap with the Moslem holiday of Ramadan.

Countries which are not affiliated with the institutions include Switzerland, which maintains a neutral position in world affairs; the Soviet Union, East Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Albania and Angola. China took over Taiwan's position as "China" while Taiwan is now listed as "Taiwan, China."

Religious clash erupts in Israel over ban by Chief Rabbinate

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Chief Rabbinate is embroiled in a bitter dispute with residents of the Jerusalem suburb of French Hill for distributing flyers there declaring that attendance at services of Conservative or Reform congregations was forbidden because they permitted men and women to sit together.

The Ramot Zion Conservative community of French Hill accused the Rabbinate of "incitement, polarization and hatred instead of peace and brotherhood." They added that "Even Yom Kippur does not atone for such a sin."

The Conservatives were supported by an Orthodox rabbi, Shmul Avidor-Hacohen, whose congregation is located in the wealthy Tel Aviv suburb of Savvyon. In an interview published in Haaretz, Rabbi Avidor-Hacohen asked why the Chief Rabbis had not circulated their halachic ban "to the people who spent Rosh Hashanah swimming in the Kinneret" (Sea of Galilee). He criticized the Chief Rabbinate's approach as "incredible narrowmindedness."

Meanwhile, Massorati, the movement of Conservative Judaism in Israel, scored an important advance over Rosh Hashanah when it conducted High Holiday services at the large Jewish Agency absorption centre, Mavassret Zion, just outside Jerusalem.

The services were held in response to requests from about 40 immigrant families, a Jewish Agency spokesman said. A rabbi and Sefer Torah were made available from Massorati headquaters in Jerusalem while the Agency provided the hall and helped defray expenses.

The spokesman said the Jewish Agency's policy was to provide religious facilities to absorption centres in accordance with the wishes of the worshippers. Services were also held on Yom Kippur by Massorati and may possibly become a regular Sabbath tradition, the spokesman said.

Jews in tough position

JERUSALEM (UPI) —

Jews could make up only half the Israeli population in 30 years if the country annexes the Arab-dominated West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to two demographic experts.

Their 42-page study raises the question of whether Israel will be a Jewish state by its 67th birthday in the year 2015. It also asks whether Israel, dominated increasingly by Jews from Africa and Asia, will remain a Western-style society.

Hebrew University department of demography Profs. Dov Friedlander and Calvin Goldscheider conducted the study for the Population Reference Bureau in Washington.

Their study, based on projected births and immigration, predicts that if the population in the West Bank and Gaza were added to the total in Israel, the Jewish population — now at 65% — will drop to between 50 and 52% by 2015.

As a result, the study says, as much as half the population of the Jewish state would be Moslem or Christian.

The study says the Jewish population of Israel without the West Bank and Gaza — now close to 83% — will drop only marginally to between 76 and 79%.

This is a time for joy

This week is one of the most joyous festivals in the Jewish year — the 8-day feast of Succoth (booths).

Temporary additions, roofed with tree branches or cornstalks, appear outside synagogues, schools and private homes. They are succahs; they commemorate the time when the Israelites, finally free of Egyptian captivity, lived in similar shelters in the desert.

In traditional homes, all meals are taken in the succah, and in warmer climates families will sleep out under its roof of greenery.

The Bible readings for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 11/12, which are full holidays, are Leviticus 22:26-23:44 (both days), Zechariah 14 (Thurs.) and I Kings 8:2-21 (Fri.)

On the Sabbath, read Ezekiel 38:18-39:16. For the rest of the week, read two chapters a day of Ecclesiastes, which is chanted in the synagogue on the Sabbath which falls during the festival.

RABBIS, LAY LEADERSHIP MEET

Rabbis and lay leadership of State of Israel Bonds National Synagogue Council convened in Toronto recently. Attending the conference were, seated from left: Rabbis Peretz Weizman of Winnipeg, Henry Hoschander, Toronto, Reuven Bulka, Ottawa, Moses J. Burak, Toronto, and Sidney Shoham, Montreal. Standing from left: David Stitz, Winnipeg, Julius Briskin, Montreal, Alex Grossman and Alex Eisen, Toronto, Dr. Earl Cooperman, Ottawa, Anita Sager and Jack Garfinkle, Montreal, and Gerry Rosenberg and Seymour Aron, Toronto.

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Commonwealth countries attend conference

Malaysia condemned for Jewish music decision

GIBRALTAR —

A resolution was passed unanimously at the recent first conference of the Commonwealth Jewish Council condemning the Malaysian government for refusing permission to the New York Philharmonic Orchestra to play a Jewish work during its scheduled tour of that country.

More than 40 delegates from 16 British Commonwealth countries attended the conference. Canada was to have been represented by Judge Maxwell Cohen, but he was prevented from going by urgent legal duties in Europe.

Among other topics discussed at the conference were the role of the Commonwealth and its institutions, anti-Zionism and anti-semitism, human rights and media coverage of Israel.

The conference met in Gibraltar at the invitation of its Chief Minister Sir Joshua Hassan, who is a patron of the Council. He is to be the first recipient of a newly created Council award to a personality who has made an outstanding contribution to the Commonwealth and to its Jewish communities.

It was also resolved to hold the next conference in Ottawa in September of next year.

Summing up the conference, British MP Greville Janner, who was re-elected president of the Council, said: "In the view of every delegate, it was hugely successful, enabling each to share common concerns, to seek remedies and to feel that, however small their communities, they are part of a large and important Jewish family.

"It also marked another major phase in the development of the Council which has become energetically established and valued in a remarkably short time."

Janner is also president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and of the European Section of World Jewish Congress.

Other prominent personalities attending the conference were Sir Zelman Cowen, former governor-general of Australia and now provost of Oriel College, Oxford; and Leslie Ashenheim, of Jamaica, who has just been awarded his country's highest honor, the Order of Jamaica.

Delegates were greeted warmly not only by the small but well organized Jewish community of Gibraltar but also by the acting governor, John Broadley.

Before the conference opened, delegates flew to Morocco to visit the Jewish community of Tangier. Janner and Cowen traveled to Rabat at the invitation of leaders of the Jewish communities of Morocco. After consultation with their hosts, they had talks with senior government officials. The British ambassador John Cambridge greeted Cowen and Janner at a luncheon in their honor.

Janner reported at the conference that the present membership of 22 countries of the Council is expected to grow in the coming year. "Further contacts with small communities, particularly in the West Indies, are gradually being established," he said.

Propaganda by Polish media may start anti-semitism wave

BONN (JTA) —

The Communist controlled official Polish media is linking West Germany and Israel as "anti-Polish, reactionary allies" in a new propaganda campaign that could trigger a wave of anti-semitism in Poland, a country now almost devoid of Jews.

The West German press cited as an example articles in the Polish political journal, Perspektywy alleging the existence of a Bonn-Jerusalem "axis" portrayed as "imperialist and expansionist."

The magazine, which reflects the thinking of Poland's Communist ruling elite, accused West Germany of seeking to change the borders of Europe and Israel of failing to respect the sovereignty and integrity of its neighbors and violating their territory.

West German observers familiar with Poland's problems see the propaganda campaign as an attempt to divert attention from the government's economic and political difficulties. Along with other Eastern bloc countries, Poland is also waging a vigorous propaganda campaign against a possible rapprochement between East and West Germany.

But, according to observers here, the Polish authorities themselves fear the campaign may get out of hand and revive long standing anti-semitic sentiments in the public, with the distinct possibility of violence against the tiny surviving Jewish community.

That possibility was evident recently when soccer fans in Cracow displayed anti-semitic banners against a competing team from Lodz, not because the team was Jewish but because a few Jews still live in that city. There have been several unconfirmed reports of violence against Jews in Poland, West German newspapers report.

Jews also were caught in a virulent Polish media campaign against a West German politician, Herbert Hupka, a Christian Democratic member of the Bundestag who visited Israel recently. Hupka is the long-time leader of an association of refugees and expelees from Schlesien, once German territory, now part of Poland.

Hupka was described as a fascist and "revanchist" who dreams of a new German reich incorporating areas of Poland. The Polish media played up the fact that, while in Jerusalem, he met with former refugees from Schlesien who now live in the Jewish State. The implication was that Israelis support West German territorial expansion at Poland's expense.

Whatever the immediate effects of this campaign, there is absolutely no chance that Poland and Israel will renew diplomatic ties in the foreseeable future, according to West German observers.

Alexander Mayers, centre, national president, Jewish National Fund of Canada, is flanked by Michael Goldstein, left, who succeeds Major-General David Ofer, right, who will be returning to Israel.

Jewish National Fund names executive VP

MONTREAL —

Michael Goldstein has been named executive vice-president of Jewish National Fund of Canada, according to an announcement last week by Alexander (Bobby) Mayers, the national president. Goldstein succeeds David Ofer, who is returning to Israel.

Goldstein, who was previously executive director of the Eastern Division of JNF, has an extensive background in Montreal Jewish community service organizations, having been associated with the Jewish Family Services Social Services Centre from 1977 to 1981 and before that with the Davis Branch of the YM-YWHA.

He is a graduate of Concordia University and holds an MSW degree from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University. He lived in Israel from 1966-67.

Goldstein is involved with the Saidye Bronfman Centre's Yiddish theatre and is on the board of the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Montreal.

He is married to Leah Goldstein and they have three children.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

The first major deportation to Auschwitz of Italy's 55,000 Jews took place on Oct. 16, 1943 in Rome, under German occupation. The move launched unprecedented Jewish acceptance by and disproportionate participation in the country's resistance movements.

The community of Rome is the oldest in Europe, with a continuous history dating back to 139 BCE. The government of classical Rome treated all its citizens with tolerance, including the Jews, even during its long bloody wars against Judea.

The community managed to redeem a significant proportion of the enslaved Judeans brought back after the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 and the suppression of the Bar Kochba revolt in 135. In the ensuing decades, under Christianity, its Jews were more or less tolerated by a succession of popes, even as communities more distant from the papal centre were subject to expulsions, blood libels, massacres, inquisitions, and other forms of persecution.

The community flourished culturally and economically during the Renaissance, reaching its apex of splendor and influence under the Medici popes Leo X and Clement VII. The expulsion from Spain in 1492 resulted in an influx of several thousand Jews and the establishment of Aragonese, Catalan and Sicilian communities.

The counter-reformation in reaction to the rise of Protestantism resulted in an abrupt end to local papal tolerance. In 1555, Pope Paul IV renewed anti-Jewish legislation of the type characterizing Christianity's early rule of the city, banned Jews from most professions, and instituted the ghetto. These restrictions, which included forced baptism, conversionist sermons, the censorship of Hebrew books, and wearing of a badge of identification, remained largely in force until 1870, when Rome became the capital of the new united nation of Italy and its Jews automatically emancipated.

Roman Jewry entered every avenue of life, supplying Italy with leading artists, writers, statesmen, and soldiers.

Benito Mussolini's rise to power after World War I was accompanied by an equivocal racial policy. In the national fascist congress of 1921, he urged "a strong effort to safeguard the purity of the race, because race makes history." Unlike Hitler, whose platform was consistently based on extreme anti-semitism, Mussolini made no mention at all of the Jews. He bypassed the racial question altogether when he took power in 1922, bowing to the Italian people's general disinterest in the issue rather than trying to stir it up.

On several occasions, Mussolini expressed support for continued equal rights for the Jews of Italy, dismissing "with contempt certain teachings on the other side of the Alps by the offspring of those who were still wild tribes when we already had a Caesar, a Virgil, and Augustus." He allowed refugees from Germany to enter Italy, even as relations with the Nazis increased.

At the same time, Mussolini condoned or encouraged anti-semitic attacks by the press. When the Nazis took over Austria in 1938, Mussolini came out and declared that the Italians are of Aryan origin and that Jews do not belong to the Italian race.

A manifesto of racism defining the difference between Jew and Italian in August 1938 served as the base for a series of decrees expelling Jews from schools, government jobs, the professions, the press and business. Jewish property and possessions were systematically confiscated.

In autumn, 1943, German SS divisions arrived to shore up Nazi control of northern Italy, where the bulk of the country's Jews lived. On Oct. 16, 1,127 Jews — including 800 women and children — were rounded up suddenly and sent to Auschwitz. Jews were tortured in German-administered camps and prisons within Italy itself, in Milan, Genoa, Trieste, and Fossoli.

The Italian people reacted by sheltering Jews in villages, smuggling them to the south, and pressuring the church to help — at mortal risk. They also welcomed some 2,000 Jews into the underground. A Jew, 23-year-old Sergio Diena, was the first partisan to fall in battle. The youngest was 13-year-old Franco Cesana. Some, like Eugenio Calo, Mario Yacchia and Eugenio Curiel, were caught through informers and resisted unspeakable tortures without revealing their compatriots.

Rita Rosani, a 23-year-old teacher who died fighting, was much honored posthumously. Kibbutz founder Enzo Sereni was parachuted back from Palestine to give his life.

The Jews, encouraged by their fellow countrymen, proved unsurpassed in bravery and dedication.

Atlantic region airs problems

Can small communities survive?

By JOAN SICHEL

MONCTON, NB — **The reality of the Canadian Jewish community is that 72% of Canadian Jews live in Toronto or Montreal — and our national organization has been too little concerned with communities outside of Toronto or Montreal.**

Milton Harris, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, made that confession here recently, and resolved to "nationalize the CJC."

He made the statement in a keynote speech at the 8th annual Atlantic Jewish Council meeting here to discuss the theme, Staying Alive: The Problems of Small Jewish Communities.

Delegates attended from Halifax, Fredericton, Yarmouth, Antigonish and Moncton, as well as from Newfoundland. Invited guests from Montreal, Toronto, Israel and the U.S. were available to the conference.

For many here it was a welcome occasion to hear and debate with Jewish thinkers and activists. The 1981 census numbered 875 Jews in New Brunswick.

Harris praised the Maritime members of CJC who "are probably the most regular attenders to the national officer and executive meetings of Congress." He named specifically Irwin Lampert, David Attis, Marty Chernin and Ben Prossin, who are all officers.

Harris said: "It's harder for Jews in small communities to remain Jewish. But the converse of this is that we get a better view of the total world in a small community. We have a lot more to offer and a different understanding. We can pass these insights on to our colleagues who grew up in Toronto or Montreal.

"It's a very strong plus, growing up in a small community today. Congress is recognizing this, and is putting proportionately more effort into small communities because of the wider perspectives these people can offer."

Jim Archibald, executive director of the CJC, bolstered that view, saying "in smaller communities there are more points of contact. Smaller communities have a distinct advantage in this area.

"What is happening in the regions is having a significant effect on what the central part of the country is dealing with. Congress as the Jewish parliament is making great efforts to build bridges to bring the regions together."

Maxyne Finkelstein, coordinator of individual and centre services of the Golden Age Association in Montreal, talked about identifying the particular needs of seniors in small communities — be they transport, housing, finances or social contact. Fewer activities are available and they are harder to organize, she said.

A workshop on intermarriage and assimilation led by Rabbi Michael Wolff of Moncton opened lengthy discussions. Some members of the audience felt that the communities must be tighter and more exclusive, while others felt that in small communities, non-Jewish partners in marriages and their children should be accepted as a fact of life, as the synagogue is the only focus for Jewish association. "We must not exclude them," one participant said.

A number of young people aired the serious problem of the non-availability of eligible Jewish partners. There was disagreement over whether or not the Jewish communities in the Maritimes were actually "dying" or "in a new holding pattern." This was not a new issue. Ben Medjuck spoke up about his efforts over the years as an ambassador to Jews in the area who resisted contact with the community.

Other invited guests included Yakov Aviad, Montreal consul-general of Israel; Bob Willmot, director of parliamentary services, Canada-Israel Committee; Martin Penn, director, Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry; and Barbara Stern, national officer, CJC, chairperson, Soviet Jewry Committee; Manuel Prutschi, national director, community relations, CJC; Daniel Pe'er for the JNF; Erol Araf, public relations and information officer, State of Israel Bonds; Aharon Korzen, aliyah director, Canadian Zionist Federation; Shimon Fogel, chairman, youth committee, CJC.

Shlomo Carlbach entertained. An exhibit of works by David Silverberg of Sackville was on display.

Attending the Atlantic Jewish Council meeting recently in Moncton were, from left: Lee Cohen, vice-president of the Council; Barbara Stern of the Canadian Jewish Congress Soviet Jewry Committee; David Attis, new president of the Council and his wife Margie.

Attis elected president of Atlantic body

MONCTON, NB — David Attis, former president of Moncton's Tiferes Israel Congregation and presently a national officer of Canadian Jewish Congress, was recently elected president of the Atlantic Jewish Council to replace retiring Cape Bretoner Marvin Chernin.

Attis said he hopes to create awareness among the Jews of Atlantic Canada that the AJC can help enrich their existence. He wants to "encourage a sense of community in Jewish youth, to help them maintain their Jewish identity."

He wants to "help small-town Jewish communities reach out and share the richness of Jewish culture in the Diaspora and Israel."

Attis, member of a large Moncton family, has always been involved in communal activities.

He was instrumental in the formulation in 1980 of the resolution from the Atlantic Jewish Council brought to the CJC plenary to establish a small communities committee. A large delegation from Atlantic Canada came to press for the formation of this committee, to "Canadianize the CJC, to pay some sort of attention to the large percentage of Canadian Jews who live in small communities."

The Jewish pre-school in Moncton, now in its fifth year, owes its existence to the perseverance of David and Margie Attis. They felt that by the time children reach cheder age, it was too late to begin formal Jewish education.

Other members of the new executive include Lee Cohen, vice-president; Martin Chernin, past president; Irwin Lampert, secretary; Mark Rosen, associate secretary; Paul Lipkus, treasurer; Barbara Paton, associate treasurer; Alan Rubin, legal counsel; Ben Medjuck, Joseph Zatzman, and Irving Pink, honorary chairmen; Ben Prossin, chairman of the board; Darrel Pink, youth committee.

Regional vice-presidents include: Steven Pink, Mainland Nova Scotia; Avvie Druker, Cape Breton; Bernard Nathanson, Newfoundland; Dan Elman, New Brunswick.

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Renewed hope in the Mideast

We note with considerable satisfaction the following positive developments in the Mideast:

•Israel, at last, has a government. The national unity coalition is a unique compromise arrangement but one that was arrived at democratically.

• The new government has made a remarkable about-face in its policy regarding the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon. The Peres-led governing group has quietly removed its previous insistence that Syrian troops would have to be withdrawn simultaneously with that of Israel's.

• On the economic front, a number of dramatic moves have been made to arrest Israel's runaway inflation; subsidies on a range of basic food items have been removed.

• It is also significant that other nations in the area are seeking to remove the various impasses to regional cooperation.

The Jordanian government has renewed diplomatic relations with Egypt, severed in the wake of President Sadat's peace initiative with Israel. The renewal of relations signals Jordan's alignment with a more moderate approach to the Mideast imbroglio.

Despite a certain coldness in Egypt's relationship with Israel (no Egyptian ambassador has been in Tel Aviv since the Sabra and Shatila massacre), President Mubarak has remained a staunch advocate of the Camp David principles.

Internally, moreover, Egypt continues to keep a tight rein on Moslem fundamentalist crazies: a recent trial of more than 100 anti-Sadat conspirators ended in stiff convictions for the accused.

Even Syria, with all its extremist rhetoric and verbal bravado, seems to be playing a more quiescent role these days. The rift between Hafez Assad and his now exiled brother may be one of the reasons for Syrian caution in foreign affairs.

Canada should take UN stand

During a recent interview in New York City, Canada's new external affairs minister, Joe Clark, indicated that there would be some fine tuning in this country's foreign affairs policies.

We hope that this fine tuning will include a more favorable attitude towards the problems faced by Israel in that world body.

As the 39th annual session of the United Nations begins, the usual assortment of Communist, Muslim and Third World states is threatening once again to attempt a blackballing of Israel and an eventual expulsion.

Once again this mean-spirited interest group will focus on its favorite scapegoat in a classic totalitarian maneuver designed to draw attention away from the world's real problems.

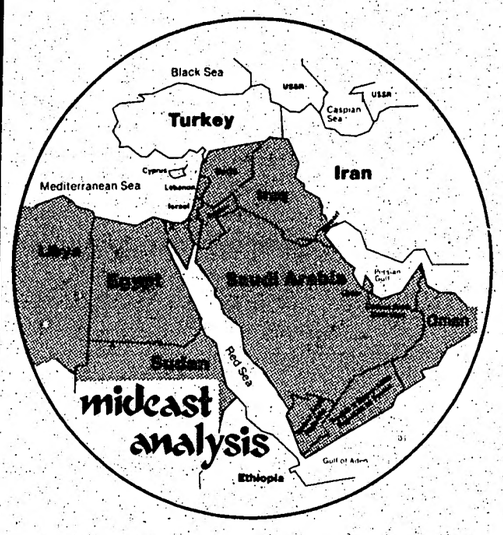
Resolutions will be introduced condemning Israel for all manner of violations of civil rights in Lebanon, and in Judea and Samaria — while the Russians continue to kill and maim Afghanistani citizens, while Iran and Iraq pummel each other with Exocet and other missiles of destruction, while Cubans foster subversion in Central and South America . . .

We hope that Canada's delegates will not be sucked into the anti-Israel rhetorical vortex. It is time for this country to return to the era of amity and cooperation with Israel — of the type that was personified during the leadership of Lester B. Pearson.

Canada still enjoys, to some extent, the reputation of honest broker among UN members. This country should tell the UN flatly to stop wasting its time on secondary issues and concentrate on the really important matters such as nuclear disarmament, world hunger and the eradication of poverty and disease.

20 accused of terrorist acts

Trial arouses emotions in Israel



Two of the Israelis suspected of being part of an anti-Arab terrorist ring. [IPPA photo]

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

One of the most sensational and sensitive trials in Israeli history has begun in a courtroom in Jerusalem.

Twenty Jews accused of carrying out acts of terror against Arabs of the West Bank, over a 4-year period, have been brought before a judge.

The trial, which will probably last several months, has aroused deep emotions throughout Israel.

Altogether, 27 Israelis -- the majority of them West Bank settlers -- have been implicated. Five have already been sentenced to terms ranging from 1½ to 10 years. Two of the defendants, officers in the West Bank military administration, are scheduled to go to trial this month.

The members of this Jewish terrorist underground, the most serious ever to emerge in Israel, are charged with committing three major acts of terrorism against Arabs. They were reportedly planning a fourth when security forces broke up their ring.

The cycle of violence began in 1980, when Palestinian Arabs attacked Jews living in Kiryat Arba, a Jewish settlement in the ancient town of Hebron. Palestinian nationalists, unable to accept the return of Jews to Hebron, resorted to physical means in the face of Israeli determination to expand Kiryat Arba.

In retaliation, Jewish settlers planted car bombs which maimed two West Bank Arab mayors who were open sympathizers of the PLO.

Three years later, following the fatal stabbing of a settler in Hebron's market, Jewish zealots exacted revenge with a grenade and machine-gun attack on Palestinian students at the Islamic College. The assault caused the death of three Arabs.

Last April, police discovered bombs on five Arab-owned buses in Jerusalem, and disarmed them just before they were set to explode. As a direct result of the investigation, the authorities uncovered the ring.

In interrogating the suspects, police stumbled upon a plot to blow up two of the holiest Moslem shrines in Jerusalem -- the mosques of Al-Aksa and the Dome of the Rock, both of which stand on ground where the Second Temple once stood.

Israel's success in breaking up the ring, which went under the name of Terror Against Terror, defused a barrage of criticism to which the government had been subjected.

Concerned that Israeli security forces were not trying too hard to solve the bombings, Jewish civil libertarians noted that the police seemed far more efficient in apprehending Arab terrorists. Shulamit Aloni, a well-known parliamentarian, put it best when she declared:

"It is popular and accepted -- and rightly so -- to yell and fight for justice to be done when a Jew has been injured. It is not popular... to demand... justice when injuries to Arabs are involved..."

Like many of her fellow critics, Aloni was prompted to level this accusation after the government shelved a report written by Judith Karp, Israel's deputy attorney general.

In it, Karp said Israel was not doing enough to catch Jewish vigilantes bent on intimidating Arabs.

Eventually, Karp's damning report was released. And within a few months, the Jewish terrorist ring was cracked wide open.

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The case has evoked a gamut of emotions.

Yitzhak Shamir, while he was Prime Minister, condemned the suspects who had perpetrated "lunatic deeds which could have caused terrible damage to the State of Israel, its standing and its security."

Saying they had taken a "crooked path," Shamir said they would have to bear "the consequences of their actions."

Israel's President, Chaim Herzog, was similarly angered. Quoting Jewish religious sources, he said the imputed crimes were transgressions of the commandment against murder and "rebellion against the kingdom."

Yisrael Weiner, the judge who in June imposed a 10-year sentence on one of the suspects, said that the existence of a terrorist group "shakes the basis on which a democratic administration is based." He said he found it "inconceivable" that citizens could be so bold as to "take the law into their own hands" and commit deeds which could trigger deaths and injuries.

These condemnations notwithstanding, a powerful, vocal minority is of the opinion that the terrorists did no wrong.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a leading advocate of Jewish settlement, commented that "the arrested will yet go down in history as dear boys who worked for the state at a time when it did not do enough on their behalf."

Meir Cohen-Avidov, the Knesset's deputy Speaker, appeared at a demonstration called on behalf of the accused terrorists and said that any Arab who murdered a Jewish child should have his eyes gouged out.

Yuval Neeman, as minister of science in the previous Likud regime, distinguished between terrorism directed at innocent Arabs -- such as the attempt to bomb the buses -- and attacks on the mayors, who were "responsible for incitement."

Background reveals common thread in their lives

An American rabbi, Avraham Weiss, wrote in a Jerusalem Post piece that the suspects "are idealists and great lovers of Zion whose lives are inextricably bound with the people, land, government and Torah of Israel."

A glance at their backgrounds reveals that the common thread running through their lives is an unalterable commitment to settling the occupied territories -- a debatable notion in contemporary Israel.

•Menachem Livni, 37, is said to be the mastermind of the network. A qualified engineer, he was commander of a reserve battalion of army engineers. Livni first arrived in Hebron in 1970.

•Yehuda Etzion, 33, is one of the founders of Ofra, a key Gush Emunim settlement on the West Bank. His father, Avraham, is a spiritual father of Gush Emunim -- which has been at the forefront of colonizing the West Bank.

•Yeshu Ben Shoshan, 34, an 8th-generation Israeli, was an army captain upon his arrest. He participated in the colonization of Eilon Moreh, whose presence touched off a storm of controversy within Israel and the occupied areas.

•Benzion Heineman, 48, is the oldest of the conspirators. One of the veterans of the 1968 return to Hebron, he was partly instrumental in forming the movement which opposed Israel's 1982 withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula.

Catholic convert was director of Talmud Torah

•Dan Be'eri, 40, a French Catholic convert to Judaism, was director of a Talmud Torah in Kiryat Arba, and a talmid haham, or outstanding religious scholar.

•Haim Ben-David, 32, worked to prevent an Israeli pullback from the Golan Heights town of Kuneitra, in 1974.

•Uzi Sharabaf, 24, resided in Kiryat Arba, and was married to Rabbi Levinger's daughter.

•Moshe Zar, 47, was reportedly one of the main land dealers on the West Bank.

•Hagai Segal, 27, was an editor of Nekuda, the settlers' magazine, and once produced an article in which he disagreed with the thesis that the Jews who assaulted the Arab mayors were "criminals."

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The long-awaited current trial, which has aroused intense interest and a profusion of newspaper stories and editorials, reflects the fissures in Israel today over the government's settlement policy.

As a general principle, most Israelis favor the settlement of the West Bank, the focus of the conspirators' plots. But a great many Israelis are far from keen about building settlements in heavily-populated Arab regions. Indeed, the Labor Party -- which shares the reins of power with Likud -- subscribes to this very view.

By contrast, Likud has always hewn to a policy of erecting settlements throughout the West Bank, regardless of population.

These sharp differences, no doubt, will be aired at the trial, which is expected to feature such witnesses as Ariel Sharon, the cabinet minister who pushes settlement, and Rafael Eitan, the former chief of staff who longs for a greater Israel.

The proceedings, which will also revolve around the rule of law in a democratic society, may well illuminate a vital national issue. But few observers really believe that the trials will alter the already hardened perception of Israelis vis-a-vis the wisdom of futility of settlements.

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Grandmothers find missing Argentine girl

Child surfaces, but family in fight to get her back

By
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TORONTO —

Paula Eva Logares was 23 months old when she became one of the "desaparacidos" — the estimated 9,000 to 30,000 Argentines who disappeared during the military government's "dirty war" against subversives during the 1970s.

Unlike her parents, Monica Grinspon Logares and Claudio Logares, Paula has been found. Now 8 years old, she reappeared as the legally registered natural daughter of an Argentine police official, a man whom survivors of the infamous concentration camps have implicated in the torture of some of the disappeared.

Paula's grandparents want her.

But her fate rests in the hands of a judge who has acknowledged that she is indeed their granddaughter, placed the official under house arrest and fined him US$10,000 — but who has yet to order Paula returned to her family.

Paula's story was brought to Toronto by Rosa Roisinblit, one of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, an organization of Argentinian women whose children — and grandchildren — vanished.

Roisinblit visited Toronto after attending the recent International Conference on Child Abuse in Montreal with two other Grandmothers.

At a small, informal meeting of the international affairs committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region, she recounted how the Grandmothers — sometimes called "the James Bonds of Argentina" — had discovered Paula's whereabouts after five long years.

Since Paula's mother was Jewish, her case has an added dimension for the Jewish community.

Speaking through an interpreter, and referring to a 3-inch thick dossier of affidavits from families of the disappeared, Roisinblit told how Paula and her parents had left their apartment in Montevideo, Uruguay, (near Buenos Aires) to visit a park.

They never returned.

According to a witness, they were plucked off the street by a group of armed men. Paula's father was put into one car, Paula and her mother into another.

After that, silence. . . .

Four years ago, the Grandmothers received an anonymous tip after they placed an ad showing pictures of missing children in a Buenos Aires newspaper.

"The official realized we were on his trail and moved," Roisinblit said. "Two years later, we found him again.

"During those two years, new scientific means of proving identity through blood tests had been discovered."

Through the work of the Blood Centre in New York City, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Dr. Marie-Claire King of the University of California at Berkeley, a child's genetic identity can now be traced even in the absence of its parents by testing all four grandparents.

Paula's maternal grandfather is dead, so King, who came to Argentina to work with a group of Argentine scientists, tested aunts and uncles as well.

The results established with 99.5% accuracy that Paula was indeed who the Logares and Elsa Grinspon said she was — their grandchild, and not the natural-born daughter of the police official's wife.

(Registration of birth can, in Argentine law, take place years after the actual birth.)

So why, Roisinblit was asked, is Paula still with the official?

She shrugged. "It is before the courts."

The Grandmothers are now appealing the case to the Supreme Court.

Their organization is an offshoot of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, the women who first drew world attention to the disappearances by their silent marches every Thursday afternoon in the central plaza in Buenos Aires.

Carrying pictures of their missing children, wearing white kerchiefs embroidered with the names of their sons and daughters, they were a testimony that could not be ignored.

Among them were women like Grinspon and Roisinblit, whose daughter Patricia was eight months pregnant when she disappeared with her husband and 15-month-old daughter in 1978.

The little girl was returned a few days later, but the only record Roisinblit has of the baby is the testimony of witnesses that her daughter gave birth in a concentration camp on Nov. 15, 1978 to a 3.5 kilogram baby boy whom she named Rodolfo.

Although a man who would not identify himself called Roisinblit shortly after her daughter's disappearance, telling her to be prepared to take care of a newborn, she never received the promised call to come for the baby.

As the women shared their stories, Roisinblit said, they realized that they, as mothers of mothers, had a special mission — to find their grandchildren.

Paula Logares, age 23 months.

They have had some success. Two years ago, there were an estimated 150 missing children, only five of whom had been found.

A year ago, when two of the Grandmothers visited Toronto, they had 115 names — 10 of them Jewish — in their files, and 11 more children had been located.

Now, Roisinblit said, as new cases are brought to them, they are again looking for 150; 26 have been discovered.

Seven of the recovered children are with their natural families, and 16 are either being shared by the adoptive parents and the grandparents or have their cases before the courts.

"We are dedicated to finding the children," Roisinblit said. "We believe that they have the right to rediscover their families, their identity, their origins." If the families agree, shared custody may be a solution, but, she said:

"One thing I know for sure. If a child is in the hands of a torturer, we will not leave the child there."

For two of the 26 children, 6-year-old Roberto Lanuscou and his 4-year-old sister Barbara, there can be no reunion. They were found — dead, their bodies buried next to those of their parents in an unmarked mass grave.

Their sister Mathilde, 5 months old when she disappeared, is still unaccounted for.

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With the publication last month of the introduction to the Sabato Commission report on the disappeared, the democratic government of President Raul Alfonsin is faced with the question of how to mete out justice to those responsible for at least 9,000 cases of torture and murder under the rule of the military.

As of the moment, cases are being prosecuted in the military courts, in most cases before judges appointed under the military regime.

At the end of September, the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces refused to take legal action against nine top officers believed responsible for directing the "dirty war."

The full 50,000-page Sabato report, which names names, has been withheld.

Roisinblit said that the government has not helped the Grandmothers in their detective work. But the DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jewry, which was severely criticized for alleged lack of action during the 1970s, has formed a Jewish human rights committee which will present petitions this month.

Roisinblit has nothing but praise for Canadians. "The Canadian people were the first to give economic and moral support — as early as 1979."

"What can we do to help now?" she was asked.

"Write letters," she answered. "Write to the judge in the Logares case, write to the president.

"Paula is a test case. If we can get this child returned, it will be a precedent that will help all other cases."

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Rosa Roisinblit shows CJC Ontario Region international affairs committee chairman Charles Zaionz the poster the Grandmothers use to publicize their search. It reads: "My grandmother is looking for me. Help her find me." [Graphic Artists photo]

A mountain of mail slows postman

By
CARL ALPERT

The bottom drawer, where we drop odds and ends of clippings, yields the following further evidence that there is no place like Israel.

Postal mascot: the turtle. The postman in the U.S. services an average of 1,171 persons; in Germany, 1,021; Belgium, 800; France, 681; Great Britain, 556; and Israel, 2,948. This explains much.

Another first: A UNESCO report reveals that in proportion to population Israel leads the world in the publication of books and in the reading of books. Last year 4,380 books were published, or 14 on each working day of the year. A million Israelis over the age of 14 read a book a month, and a third of them read a book a week.

The voracious reading habits of the adults are matched by the children. About 90% of youngsters aged 9 to 13 read at least a book a month outside of school.

Four full glasses: Passover seders were held for all soldiers in the Israel Defence Forces, but soldiers on guard duty or in front lines were ordered to drink grape juice instead of wine.

Mutual respect: A recipe for good neighborliness and tolerance. Kibbutz Reshafim, left wing, of Hashomer Hatzair, entered into an agreement with its neighbor, the Orthodox religious Kibbutz Sheluchot. Members of Reshafim would refrain from working their fields on Yom Kippur out of respect for the religious sensibilities of the neighbors, and members of Sheluchot would refrain from working on May 1, Israel's Labor Day.

Discrimination against Arabs: The anti-polygamy laws in Israel are unfair to Arab men, it is maintained. Whereas a Jew is legally entitled to divorce his wife according to religious law if she has borne him no children in 10 years, such divorce is forbidden to Arabs under Moslem law. The ban on polygamy does not give the Arab male another chance, a Moslem lawyer claims.

True diversification: Since kibbutzim introduced various industrial lines in addition to agriculture in order to diversify the economic basis of the settlements, new efforts have gone even further afield. Kibbutz Yifat authorized two of its members to study law, and after graduation they set up a law practice based on the kibbutz, serving the entire region. All income goes to the kibbutz, of course.

The rabbis decree: Israel's two Chief Rabbis have ruled that those who violate traffic laws are also violating halacha, Jewish religious law, because traffic regulations are designed to protect human lives.

The rabbis also decree: After a rabbinical dispute, the two Chief Rabbis also ruled, contrary to the decision of one of their colleagues, that the purchase of tickets of Mifal Hapayis, the national lottery, is not gambling in the usual sense, because the proceeds go for health, education and other public causes. They are therefore not in violation of halacha.

Some of the people some of the time: An ad in the Hebrew press announces the opening in Tel Aviv of a new restaurant, with the name given in English: "Chock Fool of Nuts."

Best seller in Egypt: A weekly series of Hebrew lessons being broadcast on Israel's overseas Arabic broadcasts, has resulted in thousands of requests from Egyptian listeners for copies of the accompanying text. The Israel broadcasts have been compelled to suspend further distribution until new supplies can be printed.

This is known as assimilation: An Arab from a village in the Galilee applied for permission to change his name from an Arabic one to a Jewish sounding name on the grounds that his name handicapped him both in employment and in his social life. His request was turned down.

Tel Aviv is shrinking: Ten years ago the population of Tel Aviv was 350,000. Today it is 328,000, as the population has moved into the surrounding suburbs.

The secret is now out: Some months ago the managers of Koor, the huge Histadrut industrial complex, found that their exports had increased by 9% over the previous year. The news caused some consideration in Histadrut and Labor circles who were trying to convince the public that under the Likud government things in Israel were going to the dogs. It was decided not to call special attention to the fact until after the elections.

Industrial development on Franco-Israeli agenda

PARIS (JTA) —

France and Israel will try to increase their economic and industrial cooperation and will convene for its first session the Franco-Israel Association for Industrial Development. The meeting will be held later this month in Paris under the presidency of Israel's Ephraim Katzir, a noted scientist, and Prof. Francois Gros, the French prime minister's scientific advisor.

The decision to form the association was made at a recent meeting of French Prime Minister Laurent Fabius, who is of Jewish origin, and the Israeli ambassador here, Ovadia Sofer. It was Fabius' first meeting with a foreign envoy since he became prime minister some two months ago.

The French premier has visited Israel on numerous occasions, most recently last spring when he promised to try and further improve Franco-Israeli ties.

Israeli sources in Paris described the meeting with Sofer — the fifth since Sofer arrived in Paris a year ago — as "cordial and very friendly." Fabius had been in the French cabinet before assuming the premiership.

Opinion

All's not well for National Religious Party, Burg

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The National Religious Party has fallen on hard times, and its venerable leader, Yosef Burg, has come under fire for the party's decline.

In last summer's election, the NRP won only four Knesset seats, compared to six in 1981 and 12 in 1977. And Burg, who had held the ministries of religion and interior for the past three years, barely made the cabinet in 1984 with his appointment as minister-without-portfolio.

Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, holds down Burg's old jobs, while his rivals in the religious camp, Yitzhak Peretz and Yosef Shapira, have also been named ministers-without-portfolio.

Peretz heads the Sephardi Torah Guardians, which has four seats, and Shapira represents the Morasha Party, which has two.

The presence of Peretz and Shapira in the cabinet of the national unity government is symptomatic of the declining fortunes of the NRP and Yosef Burg.

Whereas the NRP was once the virtual voice of religious Israelis, sharing its power only with Agudat Israel, today it is one of five religious parties in the Jewish state.

The five, with Tami included, have a total of 13 parliamentary seats.

In statistical terms, the NRP remains the largest religious faction, having won 3.5% of the vote. The Sephardi Torah Guardians, with 3.1%, trails fractionally. Agudat is in third place, with 1.7%. Morasha captured the hearts and minds of 1.6%, and Tami, 1.5%.

Observers believe that the Sephardi Torah Guardians and Morasha, both of which are new to the Knesset, made gains at the expense of the NRP and Agudat, which had 4 seats in the 1981 10th Knesset.

In their estimation, the success of the Sephardi Torah Guardians was due mainly to the perception among Sephardic Jews that the NRP -- a product of European Zionism -- was not serving their interests well.

Morasha, it is felt, cut into NRP support by appealing to the sensibilities of extremely nationalistic, religious Israelis.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres confers with Yosef Burg, leader of the National Religious Party. [IPPA photo]

The NRP, therefore, lost ground in the Sephardic and super patriotic communities.

Created in 1956 through the merger of two religious Zionist parties, Mizrachi and Ha-Po'el ha-Mizrachi, the NRP has traditionally sought to promote Jewish values in the governing of the state.

Its leaders, from Chaim Moshe Shapira to Yitzhak Raphael, helped devise and control a separate system of state-financed religious schools, and bolstered the authority of Orthodox rabbis to the point where public functions such as registration of births and deaths are under rabbinical rather than government control.

Although rigid on domestic issues, the NRP was fairly moderate insofar as foreign policy was concerned. In the wake of the Six Day War, however, the NRP became distinctly hawkish -- but not hawkish enough for some members like Rabbi Haim Druckman, who went on to form Morasha.

Yosef Burg, the NRP's current leader, is Israel's longest-serving cabinet minister.

Born in Dresden, Germany, Burg is the son of a noted Mizrachi functionary who came from the eastern part of Galicia. A graduate of the University of Berlin, Yosef Burg was ordained as a rabbi in Berlin. Settling in Palestine in 1939, he was a director of Youth Aliyah in the 1940s.

A member of Israel's first Knesset, he was successively deputy Speaker, minister of health, minister of posts and minister of social welfare. In 1970, Golda Meir, the Premier, gave Burg the ministry of interior. After the 1981 election, Prime Minister Menachem Begin delegated to Burg the ministry of religion as well.

Seventy four years old, Burg is a skilful politician who was instrumental in breaking the NRP's long-time alliance with the Labor Party after the latter's 1977 electoral defeat at the hands of the Likud.

In joining the Likud, the NRP enabled Begin to form a viable plurality government, and assured itself of continuing influence in Israeli affairs. The decision by Begin to award Burg the ministry of religion was no small matter: its $40 million annual budget beholdens petitioners to the minister who controls its purse-strings.

Despite Burg's enhanced prestige as a dispenser of patronage, the NRP was rotting at the base, beset by personality struggles and loss of popularity as reflected in the polls.

Zevulon Hammer, the NRP minister of education in the previous government, was at loggerheads with Burg over various appointments. And complaints were heard that the NRP leadership was suffering from a case of tired blood, at a time when the party was being abandoned by some of its oldest supporters.

Crowning Burg's problems was the criticism leveled against him by Yehuda Ben-Meir, the former deputy foreign minister, who charged that the NRP had moved far to the right of the political spectrum.

By now accustomed to the buffeting, Burg was jolted once again on the eve of the formation of the new national unity government. Having expected to get the ministry of religion once more, Burg was surprised when he learned he would not.

What happened could have been taken out of the pages of a political thriller.

While the Labor Party pledged the ministry of religion to the NRP, its old ally, Likud, promised it to the Sephardi Torah Guardians.

Burg, anxious for the glittering prize, thereupon informed Shimon Peres that the NRP would be prepared to join a Labor-led narrow coalition regime if Labor stuck to its original position.

Meanwhile, Likud was saying it would not disappoint the Sephardi Torah Guardians.

A Solomonic compromise was struck: Peres would hold the ministries of religion and interior in trust while a solution was worked out.

Observers have no idea how this conundrum can be solved. But Burg, whose standing in cabinet and in the NRP has been whittled down, hopes he can emerge triumphant after all is said and done.

Rabbi received fitting tribute

Simchat Torah a time to renew links with past

By
DR. DAVID GEFFEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

The year was 1742, the place was Jerusalem — the date Simchat Torah.

However, this Simchat Torah was like no other celebrated in the Holy City for many a year. A distinguished new resident had joined the community. He was Rabbi Haim ibn Attar of Morocco, the author of the Or HaHahayim commentary on the Torah. After several years of wandering, and after living one year in Acco, amongst other places, he and his followers finally reached Jerusalem.

The elders of the main Jerusalem synagogue decided that the rabbi should be honored as the Hatan Torah. No more fitting a tribute could be imparted than to call him for the reading of the concluding section of Deuteronomy.

Our modern custom of calling up one individual to be the Hatan Torah and one to be the Haten Bereshit has roots in our past. As early as the 10th century there are references to a Hatan Torah. About 200 years later in the 12th century, the disciples of Rashi describe the Hatan Bereshit as the one called for the opening passage of Genesis.

The practice of honoring distinguished members of the congregation with these distinctions on Simchat Torah has a history as varied as the diverse Jewish communities around the world. On Simchat Torah the tradition was that every male member in attendance should be called to the Torah. Children were to be included with the adult members of the congregation. It was therefore natural that a special aura came to be linked to those individuals who were called for the climatic portion of Deuteronomy and the opening verses of Genesis.

The uniqueness of all that splendor is felt not only by the adults but also by the children when they are called for their portion — better known as "Kol HaNa'arim" — All the Children. Covered by a number of large tallitot they excitedly recite the blessings together. It is a beautiful memory for a child to go up to the bima, there to stand or be held as the Torah is read before him. In a sense it is the continuity of the Torah which links all our generations together.

On Simchat Torah, when old and young ascend the bima, that link is forged anew and each in his own way experiences the crescendo of the Jewish faith embodied in the Torah scroll.

The various Jewish communities worldwide have developed different criteria for the roles of the Hatan Torah and the Hatan Bereshit. In Italy the practice was uniquely interesting. After the Hatan Torah had been summoned, the concluding section of Deuteronomy was read. As that was being completed the entire congregation arose, the chazan raised the open Torah for all to see and as soon as the last words were intoned chanted the following: "We have been privileged to complete the Torah in peace — let us be privileged to begin it and complete it again in peace."

Three times he made this statement and three times the congregation repeated it. Then he chanted the first chapter of Genesis from memory, and when he was finished, the Hatan Torah recited the concluding blessings. The Italian rite emphasized the use of just one Torah for the entire reading.

In France and Germany, from the Middle Ages on, two Sifrei Torah were taken out — one was used for the Deuteronomy reading and the other for Genesis. In these two countries both Hatanim were called and each had his own honor. In Safed they dealt with the recitation in this manner at the Caro Sephardic Synagogue. After two Hatanim had been called up, the first made the opening blessing and then Deuteronomy was read. Immediately Genesis was chanted and then the second Hatan recited the concluding blessing. Not an extra word was used in this Safed ritual.

With honor comes responsibilities, and the Hatan Torah and Hatan Bereshit were expected to provide a sumptuous kiddush for the congregation and to present a generous gift for the work of the community. The children, in particular, always waited anxiously for their treats.

In my synagogue in Jerusalem the honor of being Hatan Torah was bestowed one year on an individual of great merit who also happened to be a candy maker. That Simchat Torah, not only the children but all the adults enjoyed Oppenheimer's marzipan and chocolate.

Young chassidic boy holding a lulav and an etrog. Isidore Kaufman's oil painting, circa 1903, is entitled Descendant of the High Priest. [WZPS photo]

In all communities the world over, the Hatanim are called to the reading via a moving tribute written centuries ago. Furthermore, in many locales the Hatanim are brought to the bima under a chuppah held by members of the family and by close friends and relatives. It is a moving site to see the Hatan being led through the rows of attendees as the cantor recites the ancient hymn of praise, the piyyut. Here in the sanctuary is the fitting place to honor those who grant the Torah and its teachings their highest esteem.

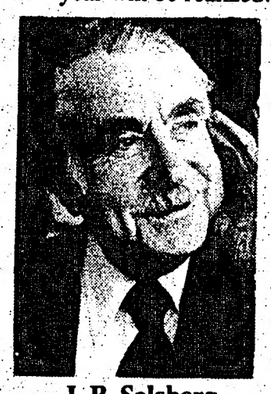
The distinction of the Hatan Torah and Hatan Bereshit and the calling of the young to the Torah, Kol HaNa'arim, infuse the holiday of Simchat Torah not only with communal joy but also with a tribute for those to whom the teachings of Torah have meaning. Perhaps this year at your synagogue you will be given this honor and join the ranks of Hatanim who, through the centuries, have been a focal point of the Simchat Torah celebration.

Received medals, from King, Queen

I'm being treated royally by royalty

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My dear and most honored readers . . . before I venture forth with my apologia for the detour that this column will be obliged to take, I want to offer my assurances that all your wishes and prayers for the new year will be realized.



J. B. Salsberg

And why not? Is there a better, and more deserving group of people than the reliable and devoted readers of this unequalled weekly offering? There isn't. So, if there is still a measure of justice left in this world, and there surely must be, then you will all be blessed with the fulfilment of your wants. Amen.

Having said that, I must confess that I, even I, managed to get myself into a messy situation. To put it bluntly I cannot, in honesty, write the column that I promised you for this week. The reason, simply speaking, is the floating deadline that this paper is obliged to adjust to because of the High Holydays.

In any normal week this appetizing offering is written on the Thursday before the date of publication. But during the holiday season (and some civil holidays to boot) the offering must be prepared on the Monday before the regular Thursday, a week-and-a-half before publication date. Last week I promised to share with you my experiences at the luncheon for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, to which I was invited and which invitation I accepted, in contrast to my absence from the affair for Pope John Paul, to which I was also invited.

But the Queen's luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2, and here I am, on Monday, the day before the regal event and, due to the dictates of the editor, I am obliged to deliver a column into his hands on Monday, come what may. How, I beseech you, can I write about an affair that hasn't taken place yet?

Mind you, I have known cases when writers, relying on their imagination, did manage to describe in minutest detail events that hadn't yet taken place. But I, your trusted and trustworthy scribe, would never stoop to such abominable levels. No, sir! Not me! So, the promised description of the grand event will have to wait a week and I will, in the meantime, offer some background material to satisfy those of our goodly company who may be puzzled by my unsuspected preoccupation with royalty.

No, I have not become a royalist. In fact I remain an adherent to the republican form of government. (But don't, please, confuse the philosophic concept of a republic with the American political party by that name.)

I see no conflict between my philosophy and my benevolent attitude towards the British crown and the present Queen of Canada, who also happens to be the Queen of Great Britain. British royalty has treated me so kindly and with so much consideration that I would be a loathsome ingrate if I were not to display my appreciation from time to time. This is one such time.

For instance: I was made a "British subject" before I even knew it. Wasn't that nice?

You see, when my father was "naturalized" he became not merely a Canadian citizen but a British subject with unbounded loyalty to the British crown. That was the way things were done in those distant days. But that wasn't all.

My father also included me, his beloved son, in the record of his naturalization, which made me an instant subject of the British crown even though I was still very much a minor and still living with my mother in Lagov, where such fine points of allegiance (except the disliked bondage to the Russian crown) were unknown and where my privileged status as a British subject was neither understood nor appreciated. But what the British crown did for me at that time surely calls for appreciation and thanks, no?

For instance: When the time came for me to acquire my own citizenship papers the crown did not wish to go through the usual procedure of an ordinary applicant. No sir! I was promptly granted my own certificate which was based on the recorded inclusion of my name in my father's citizenship document. My citizenship, therefore, anti-dates my arrival to this country. Yes, the British crown welcomed me even while I was still in Lagov. Should a person not express appreciation for such consideration and trust?

For instance: Our present Queen's late father, King George VI, saw fit to honor me with a medal. I thought that was very nice of him. The fact that he honored a few thousand other Canadians with medals at that time did not diminish the importance of the event. After all, did any of my ancestors receive medals from the varied rulers under whose sufferance they lived at various times and in various countries? No, they didn't.

For instance: When the young Princess Elizabeth and her Prince came here, just before she ascended to the crown, I was invited to attend the official dinner given by the government of Ontario. And attend I did, even though I had to spend $12 for the rental of the formal attire, including, believe it or not, a "stovepipe" hat. (The founders of Freeman's formal rentals, old friends of mine, got a special kick out of outfitting me and charged me less than the going price for such an outfit.)

For instance: When, after the untimely death of her father, Princess Elizabeth, heiress to the throne, became Queen Elizabeth II, ruler of Great Britain and all the Dominions, she marked the occasion by honoring me with a medal!

Mind you, jealous characters suggested that the new Queen gave the same medal to many thousands of her loyal subjects around the world. But such gossip, true or false, didn't affect my appreciation of the Queen's gesture. That was a nice thing for her to do, don't you agree? Of course you do.

So, in view of all that and more, do I not owe it to Her Majesty and to her Royal Escort, the Duke of Edinburgh, to accept the invitation of the city of Toronto to attend an official luncheon? Of course I do. And of course I will. My ancestors would never forgive me if I were not to attend. So, once again . . . cheers!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and hand-written signature.

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QUESTIONS PAPAL PARTICIPATION

My attention was called to an article published in your paper of Sept. 20, concerning a statement made by Alan Rose, executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, dealing with the papal visit to Canada.

The statement reads in part ". . . Rose denied that any question had been raised by the Orthodox community about CJC's participating in the papal visit: 'We consulted with Chief Rabbi Pincus Hirszpring and he understood the situation. This was not a rabbinical delegation.' "

I was shocked to read these lines, since quite the opposite is true. I categorically state, as I did in my conversation with Rose, that such a meeting (with the Pope) is contrary to halacha, Jewish law.

I fail to understand this gross misrepresentation on the part of Mr. Rose. I hope that he will correct this misleading and misguiding statement, in order to set the record straight.

Chief Rabbi P. Hirszprung
Montreal

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HE WELCOMED POPE

A few months ago, someone wrote to The CJN asking how Jews could get excited about seeing the Pope. After waiting eight hours just to catch a glimpse of the Pope, I thought I would reply.

First of all, this is a once-in-a-lifetime event. After all, when was the last time a Pope visited Canada?

Reason No. 2 is that the Pope decided to visit Canada out of 160 countries in the world; that's a nice thought of the Pope to come here.

And finally I went to see the Pope because I agree with his opposition to abortion and decriminalization of drug laws.

A final note regarding religion and politics in the U.S.: I'm on President Reagan's side on this issue, because he is just saying what he believes and trying to implement programs that he feels are popular with the U.S. people.

Mitchell Klinger
Toronto

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UKRAINIAN FAMINE VICTIMS

It is rather unfortunate that Mr. A. A. Goldes (Letter to the Editor, Sept. 20 headed "Necrophiliac Bookkeeping") finds it hard to accept the fact that the 20th century has been marked by other catastrophes of the magnitude of the Nazi Holocaust.

To recognize that genocidal acts have taken place against other nationalities (Armenians, Ukrainians, Hutus) does not de-emphasize the horrors experienced by Jews or the fact that Jews were at the centre of the Nazis' plans for a "final solution."

It is a mark of solidarity and a sign of human compassion when those who have suffered dreadfully, who were victims themselves, look to the agony of others in sympathy. This is, after all, the great challenge that Elie Wiesel sets forth.

Let's not forget that this man who endured so much found the strength to go to Cambodia in 1980 to deliver food and medical supplies to the starving Cambodians.

Denied access, Wiesel remarked: "One thing that is worse for the victim than hunger, torture, even humiliation, is the feeling of abandonment, the feeling that nobody cares, the feeling that you don't count."

That is how my family as Ukrainian famine survivors have been made to feel by Mr. Goldes' attitude.

Daria Fyfe
Montreal

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SALUTES ISRAELI SWIMWEAR

Your Rosh Hashanah issue praised everything about Israel except one of its most internationally renowned products — its elegant swimwear.

Would you please rectify this glaring omission by publishing a picture of Israeli-designed beachwear — incorporating, of course, one of Israel's elegant bathing beauties inside it.

Sam Stein
Toronto

Israeli model in Gideon Oberson beachwear.

Editor's note: We're delighted to oblige. The Israeli model is shown wearing one of the latest designs of Gideon Oberson Beachwear Ltd. of Tel Aviv.

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PROTECT OUR PROPERTY RIGHTS

From Sept. 30 through Oct. 8, men and women across Canada who are the members of more than 100 real estate boards were observing Private Property Week in their communities and recommending how the new government can strengthen the nation.

We think the most practical step would be to introduce an amendment to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the Canadian Constitution guaranteeing private property rights.

Section 7 of the Charter should be amended to read:

"Everyone has the right to life, liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice."

I believe there are millions of Canadians who would consider that, after personal liberty, private property ownership would be the most important right they could enjoy. Some of them and many of their ancestors came to Canada because it was virtually impossible to own property in the countries they left behind.

George E. H. King
President
Toronto Real Estate Board

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DEFENDS MIKE WALLACE

Regarding the Sept. 26 article by Arnold Ages ("Mike Wallace defends program on Syrian Jews"), he mentioned that a representative of the American Jewish Congress criticized the Jewishness of a CBS executive who had anglicized his name.

This is not a criminal act. Some of my friends and relatives also changed their names for various reasons, which is nobody's business but theirs.

I watached 20-20 on ABC when Barbara Walters interviewed Mike Wallace and asked for an explanation to the charge that Mike was "a self-hating Jew!" Mike replied that before going to sleep, he recited the "shema." That's good enough for me.

Wallace is a reputable journalist/writer/anchorman and is, like anyone else, entitled to his opinion about the conditions under which Syrian Jews live. He wrote the story as he saw it . . . so let him alone!

Paula Feigelsohn
Toronto

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LAURELS TO CJA

Three bushels of laurels to the Combined Jewish Appeal.

On Sunday, Sept. 16, I received in the afternoon a phone call from a volunteer working for the Combined Jewish Appeal, asking me for my annual contribution. I promised that my check would be in the mail next day, ie. Monday.

Believe it or not, when I opened my mail box three days later, ie. on Wednesday the 19th, I found an official receipt from the Combined Jewish Appeal for tax purposes.

Of course, I will not be able to make use of the receipt prior to Jan. 1, 1985. But the super-efficiency should serve as an outstanding example to other organizations, including political parties, all of whom are always in a hurry to ask for a contribution but very slow when it comes to issuing receipts.

Congratulations to you, volunteers of the Combined Jewish Appeal, for a job done in such a heartwarming manner. Keep up your good work for the benefit of the Jewish community.

Gerry G. Hamburg
Montreal

World-National

Self-confidence evident

Peres pulls out stops to cure ailing economy

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and his colleagues have given an impression of planning and working together as if they have years of creative activity ahead of them, not as if they feel they are living on borrowed time. They talk and act with complete self-confidence.

In their approaches to the two most burning issues of the day, economic return and the need to get out of Lebanon, they give an impression of being united, irrespective of their political backgrounds.

Peres himself has soared in public estimation like a space rocket. It seems incredible that, only a short while ago, he was being condemned by almost half the nation as "tricky" or even "treacherous," certainly not trustworthy, while a large percentage of the other half blamed him for not standing down so as to allow Yitzhak Navon to lead Labor in the elections.

The change in the regard in which he is held springs partly from the loyal support given to him by Navon and Yitzhak Rabin throughout the negotiations with the Likud and partly from his own demeanor from the moment he became Prime Minister.

He talks and behaves like a Prime Minister who is the undisputed leader of the nation. If he has secret nightmares about that day, 25 months hence, when he must hand over to Yitzhak Shamir, according to the coalition agreement, he is not allowing those midnight anxieties to becloud his day.

Israelis — perhaps all citizens in democratic countries — have a deep, inherent respect for the person in supreme authority. Whatever they may have said and thought about him before he was appointed, once he attains office he is the boss, radiating power, and responsible for the nation's destiny.

Radiated strength

When Levi Eshkol died suddenly, the Labor Alignment, wracked by the quarrels of many claimants to the succession, compromised by inducing Golda Meir to come out of retirement and to be installed as Premier. Everyone thought that she was too old, ill and tired to serve for long. Public opinion polls showed that only 20% of the people polled supported her.

I remember very vividly her first public meeting after her appointment. She radiated such strength and self-assurance that I, and everyone else in the audience, realized that a Deborah had come to head her people. In a few weeks the polls showed that she had 60% support.

So with Peres. Being in office and speaking as the leader will be enough to change the public estimation of him.

Conversely, Shamir is in for a hard time. Although he has managed to obtain many portfolios of vast importance for himself and his adherents, he is no longer the centre of power. Twenty-five months is a long way off. He may be hard put to hold his party. As in a Shakespearean play, there is an assassin in the wings.

Plea by Shamir

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take on behalf of its peoples and the entire human race," Shamir declared.

He said that Israel has been waging an unrelenting war on Arab terrorism. "The so-called PLO, which had established its own mini-terrorist state in Lebanon, from which it carried out and assisted terrorist acts in five continents, was expelled from that country.

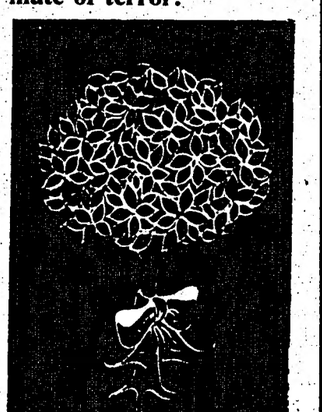
"But Israel cannot be expected to shoulder alone the burden of international terrorism. Since we are all potential victims of terror, we must fight it together. If we do not, terrorism will endanger our basic freedoms and all the standards of civilized behavior for which this organization (the UN) stands."

Shamir devoted the opening part of his speech to the plight of Soviet, Syrian and Ethiopian Jews.

"The situation of Soviet Jewry has recently taken a definite turn for the worse," Shamir said, charging that Soviet Jews are being denied access to Jewish culture, are harassed and are denied human rights.

"It should be recalled that in front of this very assembly, official representatives of the USSR have declared that the Jewish people have a right to a state of their own. Soviet Jewry demands nothing more than to exercise this right," Shamir declared.

He said that the Jews of Syria are being held hostage by the Syrian regime that "refuses to grant them basic human rights, most important of which is the right to emigrate and join their brethren." He said Syrian Jewry lives in a climate of terror.



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VAYEILCHU YACHDOV

Ever since the birth of Israel, the nation has stood at a crossroad between the pride of the past and the challenge of the future. Many of us remember when Israel became independent in 1948, and the promise to build a viable Homeland for all Jews.

Now, there is a new generation growing up that cannot recall a world without Israel. They must not take Israel's existence for granted.

In the very depths of enslavement of the Jews in Egypt when Moses demanded their liberation from Pharoah, he specified, "With our old and with our young we will go". (Exodus X, 9)

When the Torah was given to the people of Israel, G-d asked: "How will we be sure that the commandments in it will be fulfilled?" And the answer was: "Our children will be the guarantee for this." (Midrash Rabba)

Israel means a great deal to all Jews and we should be proud to share in building a strong nation. Provide your children with an investment in the future of all Jews and encourage them to support and participate in Jewish causes. Purchase an Israel Bond for the next generation, so that they too, have an investment in linking an illustrious past with a glorious future.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

BETH SHOLOM COURSES

The Beth Sholom adult education committee, under the chairmanship of **Kenneth Saltzman**, is offering an exciting series of courses for the coming year.

A Survey Course on Judaism or What You Always Really Wanted to Know About Being Jewish, But Were Afraid to Ask will be given on Tuesdays from 8-9.30 p.m. with **Rabbi Harvey Markowitz**. This course is an in-depth analysis and fundamental study of the ethics, rituals and ceremonies which comprise the Jewish experience.

Women's Wednesday Morning Study Group with **Cantor David Bagley** meets from 10-11.30 a.m. This course is an in-depth study of the siddur, its structure and relevance of prayer to our present day, melodies and chants of the Shabbat morning service.

Elementary Hebrew Conversational Language course runs 8-9.30 p.m. and the intermediate course on Wednesdays from 6.30-8 p.m.

Elementary Yiddish Conversation with instructor **Sam Simchovitch** takes place Thursdays from 8-9.30 p.m

The Jewish People-Wanderings, based on **Chaim Potok's** History of the Jewish People, with Rabbi Markowitz and prominent guests, takes place Mondays from 8-9.30 p.m.

For information about these and other courses, call the synagogue office at 783-6103.

THE PERFECT GIFT

Find the perfect gift at the new, enlarged Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop during its reopening week Oct. 10-17.

Come to 600 University Ave. and discover the exciting reopening specials and receive a free chance to win a ladies' Seiko watch.

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ELDERLY WIDOWS GROUP

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows program now has a group for elderly widows 70 years of age and over in addition to the two already existing self-help groups for widows 55-70 and widowers 55 and over. It is coordinated by the leaders **Min Clairman, Beulah Ludzki, Toby Warsh and Mickey Zimmerman** and meets every second Monday from 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is set for Oct. 15.

This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to women 70 years of age and over, widowed less than two years. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, local 410.

YIDDISH MUSIC COURSE

By public demand, **Jerry Gray**, long-time member of the singing group The Travellers, will be giving a course in Yiddish music. It will be held on five Tuesday evenings, beginning Oct. 23, at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. For more information, get in touch with **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880.

PROGRAMS FOR COUPLES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Jewish Family & Child Service are offering two programs with group leader **Maureen Feder** this fall at the synagogue.

The Engaged Couples will provide an opportunity to explore issues relating to marriage in a comfortable atmosphere with other couples. Topics will include family relationships, developing communication and problem solving skills, money management and sexual intimacy and affection. Come for brunch on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 11.30 a.m. to get an introduction to the program and meet other engaged couples. Group begins Thursday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. Charge is $25 for seven sessions.

After the Honeymoon [Young Couples Group] is meeting for brunch on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 11.30 a.m. to explore the possibility of a group for newly married couples to look at relationships with new families, keeping up with the Goldbergs [everyone's going to Europe and we're going to Muskoka], religion in your life, priorities, planning a family. Also, time and dates for the group will be discussed.

Call the synagogue at 633-5500 for further information about both programs.

DORIT FUND

Funds are being raised to help disabled children in Israel benefit from the internationally renowned expertise developed here in Toronto at the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre in the application of microcomputers to the disabled.

Donations to the Dorit Fund will bring Dorit, a 5-year-old neurologically impaired multi-handicapped child and her two therapists to Toronto in order to learn and apply these special techniques. This one-time fund raising campaign will not only benefit Dorit but will also enable her therapists from the Gan Shikumi Treatment Centre for the Disabled in Jerusalem to meet the rehabilitative needs of Israeli children.

You can make contributions payable to Dorit Fund, Ontario Crippled Children's Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd., Toronto, M4G 1R8 [an income tax receipt will be issued]. For further information you can call **Mary Richmond** at 961-6869.

GIANT GARAGE SALE

On Sunday, Oct. 14, Club Beershaba, Pioneer Women Na'amat, is holding a giant garage sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.at the home of **Frances Klinger**, 41 Bruce Farm Dr., Willowdale [one block north of Cummer, off Pineway]. There will be lots of new and used merchandise, including clothing [men's suits in good condition]. Proceeds go to Adopt-a-Child project.

FITNESS CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

The Garnet A. Williams Fitness Centre invites you to an open house on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You are invited, as the centre's guest, for a game of squash or racquetball, a workout on the hydra gym equipment and running track or to participate in a free fitness class [10-10.45 a.m.]. Note: Applicable court fees must be paid and participants must be 18 years of age or older.

The fitness centre is in the Civic Centre, 2141 Major MacKenzie Dr., Maple. For more information, call 881-6580.

FREE CPR COURSES

Heart attack occurs more often than any other medical emergency. The Toronto department of public health wants all Torontonians to be lifesavers. That is why free CPR courses are being offered at several levels. While CPR is primarily first aid for heart attack, it can be a lifesaver in a number of other medical emergencies such as choking, drowning, electric shock.

Call 534-9262 and sign up for your free CPR course.

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMS

The Family Life Committee of Beth Sholom Synagogue under the chairmanship of **Steven Polevoy** and **Alan Zelunka** announces the following family life programs taking place at the synagogue during the upcoming year:

Mother's Wednesday Mornings Out, coordinated by family life educator **Eleanor Miller** and **Rabbi Harvey Markowitz**, runs Wednesdays from 10-11.30 am., beginning Oct. 24.

Insight Into Marriage, a program for newly married and engaged couples will consist of seven weekly sessions dealing with family relationships sexual relationships in marriage, finances, social relationships, creating a Jewish home, communication and conflict, raising children. The first session is Sunday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. Group is invited to a luncheon hosted by the sisterhood on Nov. 4. An RSVP is required. For information, contact Rabbi Markowitz at 783-6103.

Singles programing for ages 40 plus on Monday evenings.

Bi-monthly Torah Tots Shabbat program runs every other Saturday from 10 a.m.to 12.30 p.m. in the 3rd floor assembly hall. First session is Oct. 13.

Family Shabbat evening service and dinner on Friday, Nov. 9, is a special Shabbat evening service geared to families with children of all ages. The service will take approximately 20 minutes, with participation of the children in attendance. The traditional sit-down Shabbat dinner catered by Malmar Caterers will be followed by a program of songs, story-telling and much more. For further information, call Rabbi Markowitz.

HILLEL STUDENTS U OF T

Activities for Hillel students this coming week include the annual Succoth party on Monday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. in the succah with entertainment by **Rabbi Moshe Averick**, wine and cheese and 50 cent hot dogs at the Lower East Side Cafe.

Succah will be open and available for eating in throughout Succoth. Also, a lulav and etrog will be provided for benching lulav.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the University of Toronto Scarborough campus, Hillel is holding a Succoth brunch at noon in the portable succah. Charge is $1 for members and $2 for non-members.

For information about Hillel programs, call **Betty** at 923-9861.

CBC FESTIVAL TORONTO

CBC Festival Toronto will once again showcase some of Canada's most outstanding soloists and ensembles in its 6th annual free noon hour concert series held in Church of the Holy Trinity [beside Eaton's Centre].

The annual noon concert series begins Thursday, Oct. 11, and continues every Thursday through to Nov. 29. The host for the 8-concert series is CBC personality **Margaret Pascu**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Toronto Speech and Stroke Centre is looking for volunteers to assist in programs that provide speech stimulation to stroke survivors and other brain injured adults who have lost their language skills. Men are especially needed during day or evening and training and supervision will be provided. For information, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

BOOK REVIEW SERIES

Elaine Newton, professor of humanities at York University, who has recently returned from three months of lecturing at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, will be presenting two series of book reviews.

An evening series called Other Voices will deal with five controversial contemporary authors and their works. Lectures will be held once a month commencing Oct. 31 with The Colour Purple by **Alice Walker**. Course fee is $65.

Modern Women Speak Out, focusing on women novelists, will be held on Monday afternoons from Jan. 7 to Feb. 11. Course fee is $70.

Both series are available to the public and will take place at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. For further information, call the coordinator, **Greta Gray**, at 223-5452.

FALL FASHION FLAIR

See the latest in fashions for the modern woman at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood's annual Fall Fashion Flair on Wednesday, Oct. 24. with fashions by Alton-Lewis. In addition there will be over 30 boutiques displaying unique handicrafts, ranging from home-made candies to custom-knit sweaters.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and showtime is 8.30. Admission is $10, including refreshments. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Door prizes will be drawn.

ISRAEL UPDATE

Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith is having **Ephraim Ben-Mattityahu**, vice-consul of Israel, as guest speaker at a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 815 p.m. at the BB Building, 15 Hove St. His topic will be Update of Israel and Region. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome.

STRIKE OUT AGAINST LEUKEMIA

Bowlers and bowling leagues are needed to participate in a bowlathon on Sunday, Nov. 4. There will be prizes for participants. All proceeds go to leukemia research. For information, call 789-7575.

YIDDISH CULTURE COUNCIL

The Yiddish Culture Council, whose affiliates include the Toronto Jewish Congress and a number of other Jewish organizations, will celebrate its 30th anniversary at a grand cultural event on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Participating artists will include well-known stage and screen actress **Mina Bern** of New York, violinist **Eugene Kash** and **Cantor Louis Danto**. The community is invited.

WALLENBERG FILM

The film, Raoul Wallenberg:Buried Alive, is being shown at Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's opening meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 8.15 p.m. sharp, at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Come and meet the man with the facts, **David Harrel**, the producer of this highly informative documentary, who will be on hand to answer your questions and bring you up to date on the current situation. Guests are welcome and there is no charge.

FOR MOTHERS AND BABES

The Jelly Bean Play Group for mothers and babies [from 9-24 months] will be meeting at Viewmount Park Tennis Club, starting the middle of October. Programs, including creative play, music and crafts, are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1.30-3.30 p.m. Fee is $60 for 10 week sessions. For information, contact **Helen Kennedy**, community coordinator, North York parks and recreation.

BOWLING LEAGUE

A mixed 5-pin bowling league that meets every second Saturday evening at 8.30 at Bathurst Bowlerama [Bathurst-Glencairn] has openings for new member couples. If interested, call 633-8535 after 6 p.m.

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NEGEV DINNER PREPARATIONS

Preparations for the Negev Dinner honoring Abe Posluns on Dec. 2 are in full swing. An enthusiastic committee of Jewish National Fund supporters is hard at work to ensure the success of this annual simcha at the Royal York Hotel. Seen at a recent session of the Negev Dinner leadership were, seated from left: Morris B. Kaufman, Sydney Bearg, Abe Posluns, Sydney C. Cooper and Lewis J.E. Moses. Standing, from left: Harvey Rosen, Phyllis Flatt, Sidney H. Chelsky, Patricia Starr, Alan I. Posluns, Theodore Richmond, Madeleine Epstein and Bernard Weinstein. [Joe Lavee photo]

STOPNITZER SOCIETY

The Stopnitzer Society honored Max Ptasznik during a brunch and presented him with the State of Israel Bonds Twelve Tribes Award for his efforts and concern for the wellbeing of the State of Israel. From left are Lou Gottlieb, Stan Cohen, Lou Wasser, president [receiving a certificate of merit on behalf of the society for its participation in the Bond campaign], Rhoda and Max Ptasznik, Carl Mahler, Max Zeller and Albert Gregory, organizers of the occasion.

Organizations and People

What's New

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PIONEER WOMEN THORNHILL

Club Dayan, Pioneer Women Na'amat, is having a program meeting on Monday, Oct. 15, at 8.15 p.m. in Thornhill [at Yonge and Clark]. New members are welcome. If you would like to attend, call **Ros Page** at 445-6837 [after 4.30 p.m.].

MONICA GUTTMAN IN CONCERT

The piano recital by acclaimed European virtuoso **Monica Guttman** on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple offers a program to satisfy every taste--Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Schumann. It is being presented by Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood and proceeds will go in support of the special brotherhood project, installation of sound equipment for the hearing impaired.

General admission is $6 and special sponsors reserved seats are $25 per pair.

BETH TORAH INSTITUTE

The Beth Torah Adult Institute will be meeting for six Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 24 through to Nov. 28. The first hour from 7.30-8.30 will deal with Understanding the Prayers with **Cantor Samuel Frankel**. The second hour, from 8.40-9.45, with **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** will focus on What Judaism Taught Christianity. The lectures are based on the rabbi's new book, soon to be published, entitled Christians and Jews: The Eternal Bond.

There is no fee and lectures are open to all men and women.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith Canada's Leadership Development Symposium is set for Sunday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. at the Prince Hotel, Crown Room. Keynote speaker will be **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson**, who will talk about involving grassroot members in community organizations. Program also includes three workshops.

Symposium is open to the community. Charge of $9 includes breakfast. For tickets, call **David Grader** at 598-4000 or 638-7355.

for seniors

The **Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance** is having an important meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m. at 272 Codsell Ave. for all those who have registered for the Miami trip and also those wishing to go can register at this meeting....The next luncheon meeting takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 11.30 a.m. with **Rabbi David Monson** as guest speaker.....The Gershon Grossinger Cultural Circle, at its Tuesday, Oct. 2, meeting, heard a talk by **Yakov Kleiner** on the art of music. At the meeting of Tuesday, Oct. 9, **Jay Lipsey** spoke about the yom tovim, their traditional meaning and historical significance. Chairman of the cultural circle is **Leo Hertzberg**.

The **JCC Good Age Club 60 Plus** invites you to join in an exciting trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City Oct. 28-Nov. 1, payable in Canadian funds. Non-members are welcome. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 234 and speak to **Mona Brown**.

The **JCC Singers** are beginning rehearsals for the new recording to be released soon. Singers who are interested in participating in this project are asked to call **Sylvia Milgram** at 661-0251. Remember, this is the choir that won the North York Seniors Choir competition. You can be part of it!

On Monday, Oct. 15, **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club** is having a Succoth party with entertainment by **George Frank** accompanied by Mrs. Frank. Holiday refreshments will be served.....Ongoing programs include dancercize-aerobics with music-on Mondays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 10.30 a.m.; oil painting on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m., and games day on Wednesdays from 1.30-3.30 p.m.

The Wednesday, Oct. 17, meeting of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** will feature a demonstration of tai chai by the Toronto Tai Chai Association plus information on the Shared Accommodation Service for the Elderly with **Nina Herman**. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the temple.

The **Cranbrooke Friendship Club** meets for lunch and entertainment on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 1 p.m. at 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Everyone is welcome. Charge is $1.25 for members and $1.75 for non-members. For information, call **Eve Brownstone** at 787-3606.

Come and join the art group at **Earl Bales Seniors' Place** on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Show your talent, make scenes, flowers and people with art director **Aileen Sax**. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.....The line and ballroom dancing is in full swing on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 Be sure to attend and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt**. There is no charge.

The **Workmen's Circle Social club 60 Plus** is meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 12 noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. There will be lunch and a talk on wills and pensions and such by lawyers **Barry and Erwin Seltzer**. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

At **Lincoln Place** on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6.30 p.m., there will be a musical evening of semi-classical Hebrew and Jewish music arranged and directed by pianist **Lola Julitta Kane**. Singers **Fanny Brass** and **Anna Farber** will be accompanied by Mrs. Kane at the piano. Everyone is welcome. Lincoln Place is located at 429 Walmer Rd. Registration is now open for seniors activities offered by the North-East branch of the Jewish Community Centre, beginning the week of Oct 23. There is bridge with **Jody Jodrey** on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon; fitness with **Phyllis Nakin** on Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m.; yoga with **Karen Jacobson** on Tuesdays 11 a.m. to noon; Bible study on Tuesdays [bi-monthly] 1.30-3.30 p.m.; Yiddish Club Tuesdays [bi-monthly] 1.30-3.30 p.m.; drama with **Betty Klimitz** Thursdays 10-11 a.m.; choir with **Cantor Efraim Sapir** Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon, and English as a Second Language with **Ida Gold** Thursdays 10.30-11.30 a.m. For information, call **Rose Shapiro** or **Leslie Gross** at the NE office at 889-0813.

Club Chaverim, the North-East JCC seniors group, meets on Mondays at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. On Oct. 15 come celebrate under the fruits of the succah. And the children of the United Synagogue Day School grades 3 and 4 will present a program of songs and stories. The time is 1.30 p.m..... And don't forget that the lunch program [purchase lunch for $1.25] is now in progress. Register for lunch by 12 noon. For information, contact Rose Shapiro or Leslie Gross at the NE JCC at 889-0813.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, **Sheppard Place Club** is holding its annual bazaar in the large recereation room at 4455 Bathurst St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You will find hand-made new craft articles, new and nearly-new wearing apparel, household items, chinaware, jewelry, a bake table, canned goods, books galore and many other articles.

At the **Wagman Centre** --

The Continuing Education courses offer three lecture series--Personality Development with **Prof. Tom O'Sullivan** on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3, beginning Oct. 24, Current Events with **Prof. Earl Reidy** on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m., beginning Oct. 30, and Canadian Novel with **Prof. Bonnie Laing** on Monday mornings from 10 to noon, beginning Oct. 29. All lectures take place in the Volunteer Room and cost for each series of 10 sessions is $7. Enroll at the Wagman Centre desk or call **Tanya Kuchinsky** at 789-5131, ext. 477.

A 10-week bridge instruction course for beginners with instructor **Leslie Clarke-Gowling** starts Thursday, Nov. 1, from 1-4 p.m. and for intermediates with instructor **Barbara Seagram** on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 7-10 p.m. These programs are for members and guests. Cost is $30 for 10 weeks for members and $40 for non-members. Register for beginners course by Oct. 25 and for intermediates by Nov. 8 at the desk or by calling Tanya Kuchinsky.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

At the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., the Sunday afternoon program on Oct. 14 features a special dance group from the Community Folk Arts Council at 2 p.m. Fee is $1 for members and $1.50 for non-members.

Listen to and sing along with musician **Nancy Anderson** at the Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 17, at 1.30 p.m. Charge is 75 cents for members and $1 for non-members.

War and Peace in the Nuclear Age is the topic of the Atkinson lecture presented by the Lifelong Learning Institute on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Speaker is **Prof. Mike McNamee**, professor of computer science and mathematics.

To call the centre for information, the number is 225-2112.

at the jcc

Taking Charge of Your Future is the topic of the first lecture of the Topics Unlimited series presented by the PACE [Public Affairs and Continuing Education] department of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. It is set for Monday, Oct. 15, from 8-9.30 p.m. The speaker is **Laurie Weinroth**, a stockbroker, who will deal with stocks, bonds, RRSPs and such. Admission is $1. For information, call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880, ext. 233.

PACE is offering courses in Personal Growth. Human Dynamics will be given by **Georgine Nash**, Mid-life Challenges by **Eleanor Miller**, Focus on Fathers by **Debbie Cowitz**, Parenting-Children the Challenge by **Adrienne Slan** and Time Management by **Myrna Levine**. All courses start the last week of October. For times, dates and fees, call Georgine Nash at 636-1880.

Applications are being accepted for script writing course with **Ernie Schwarz** and two musical theatre courses, one for young adults 16-21 and one for adults, with **Joel Greenberg** [auditions are required]. For information and audition registration, call 636-1880, ext. 230.

Learn about investing at the JCC. Register now for one of the two courses being offered. A 4-week course titled Investments-Financial Planning with stockbroker **Laurie Weinroth** runs on Tuesdays from 8-9.30 p.m., starting Oct. 23. Fee is $25 for JCC members and $30 for others. Financial Planning for Women will be given by **Anne Louise Desmarteaux**, financial planner for Investors Syndicate. This is a 3-week course and the public is invited to come for the series of individual workshops. Dates are Mondays, Oct. 22, Oct. 29, and Nov. 5. from 1.30-3 p.m. Fee for members is $15 for series, $6.50 each and for non-members it is $20 for series and $8 each. Call Georgine Nash at 636-1880 for further information.

Career Planning and Development is the topic of an 8-week course given by the Jewish Vocational Service at the northern JCC. Vocational testing will be part of the program. Course is open to the public and starts Monday, Oct. 22, from 8-9.30 p.m. Fee is $45 for JCC members, $60 for non-members plus $25 for vocational tests. Call Georgine Nash.

Get familiar with personal computers at the JCC. Course offers hands on experience. Super PET [64K] will be used. Course takes place at CHAT [Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto] 200 Wilmington Ave., but registration is at the JCC. Classes start Monday, Oct. 22, or Thursday, Oct. 25, from 8.30-10.30 p.m. Course runs 10 weeks and cost is $90 for JCC members and $120 for others. For information, call Georgine Nash.

Koffler Gallery Visual Arts Studios courses include ceramics, drawing for beginners, oil and acrylic painting, watercolor, life drawing, stone sculpture, calligraphy, teen after school programs in ceramics and mixed media art, cartooning, children's ceramics, and weekly gallery tours. For further information, call 636-1880, ext. 243 or 279.

Jerry Gray of the The Travellers is repeating his Yiddish music course, From Shtetl to Statehood, at the JCC for five Tuesday evenings, commencing Oct. 23. For more information, get in touch with Georgine Nash.

Register today for the junior kindergarten program [age 4] for mornings. Deadline for registration is Oct. 15. Call **Rona Kaushansky** at the JCC at 636-1880, ext 229, for more information.

A few spaces are still available in the exciting, dynamic 2-year-old cooperative playgroup at the northern JCC on Mondays and Thursdays. Call Rona Kaushansky today.

Wanted- one ECE [Early Childhood Education] teacher at the northern JCC, mornings only. Call Rona Kaushansky at 636-1880, ext. 229.

At the North-East branch-- The North-East JCC invites you to a family Succoth celebration. Bring the whole family to help build and decorate a succah on Sunday, Oct. 14, from 2-4 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. There will be special crafts, a magic show and refreshments. Charge is $2 per member family and $4 per non-member family. For details, call **Susan Levine** at 889-0813.

North-East Couples Over 40 group is having a wine and cheese nostalgia night. Come out and dance to music of the big band era. The date is Sunday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Admission is $5 per person for members and $7 per person for non-members. Call Susan Levine for further information.

singles

The **JCC Singles 25-35** group is having a Fall's Ball dance on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Admission is $4 for JCC members [with cards] and $5 for non-members. For more information, call **Ruth Goodman** at 636-1880 any Wednesday.

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles group's opening program of the new year takes place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., lower banquet hall, on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 8.30 p.m. It features a return engagement by **Rabbi-Cantor Herbert Feder** of Jerusalem, charismatic speaker, singer and musician. For information, call **Estelle** at 636-0672.

How To Be Your Own Matchmaker-Mr. Right Where Are You? Mrs. Right Where Are You? is the topic of the next **JCC Singles 40 Plus** Monday night Coffee House on Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. 2nd floor lounge. Call **Doris** at 636-1687 or the JCC at 636-1880, ext. 332, for information.

Total Living Mature Singles is having an important general meeting on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Kadima room, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Elections will take place for the 1984-85 season. All members are asked to come out and vote for for the new executive. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m., **40 Plus Singles Holy Blossom Temple** group is having guest speaker hypnotherapist **Nathan Siegel, who will help you deal with your phobias such as obesity, smoking, flying. This will be an evening you will remember. It takes place in the Eisendrath Auditorium of the temple. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2 for members and $4 for non-members.**

Join Club Kinneret bowling league and social group [two divisions, ages 20-29 and 30-40] for its second open house and meeting with the **Solelim** group on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. [Dufferin-Lawrence area]. Agenda will include bowling league committee reports, dance on Saturday, Oct. 27, Grey Cup party on Sunday, Nov. 18, New York trip Nov. 29-Dec. 2, New Year's Eve party and more. Meeting will be followed by two games of 10-pin bowling at 3.45 p.m. For further information, contact **Stan Glass** at 638-0747 or 593-0600 days.

Solelim [20-40] celebrates its second anniversary with Club Kinneret at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. Details to follow. Also, don't forget about the meeting with Club Kinneret on Sunday, Oct. 14. See above.

Are you separated. divorced or widowed and looking for a support life skills group? Ask about **Jewish Singles Project Connect's** Re-Connect, Men's Awareness Group, Getting On With Your Life and Widowed-Connect. For registration and information, call 731-4600 mornings. Hurry! Groups begin mid-October.

Jewish Singles Project Connect will once again be airing its Jewish singles events show on Newton Cable Channel 10. If you have any events you wish aired, call 731-4600 mornings.

Jewish Union Book Club meets Sunday, Oct. 28, at 1.30 p.m. to discuss and review **Germaine Greer's** first best seller, The Female Eunuch. Refreshments will be served. Group meets at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. [near Bathurst]. For further information contact **Jerry** at 787-4352 [from 7-10 p.m.].

A Yorkville party for Jewish singles is set for Sunday, Oct. 14, at 7.30 p.m. at Remys, 115 Yorkville Ave. Cover is $5. Door prize is dinner for two at Hy's Restaurant Yorkville.

ISRAEL PEACE AWARD

Toronto's Dr. Howard Langer, left, guest speaker at a State of Israel Bonds and Chenstochover Society brunch, presents the Israel Peace Award to Bond chairman Sam Jakubowicz, centre, and president Philip Skovronek.

Organizations and People

CSB issue out soon

OTTAWA —

The 1984-85 issue of Canada Savings Bonds will be available for cash starting Oct. 24, according to an announcement from Finance Minister Michael Wilson. The Bond year commences Nov. 1

Details of the rate of interest to be paid will be made known later this month.

Last year's bond issue currently provides for an annual rate of return of 9.66% for the 1-year period ending Oct. 31, 1984 (9.25% for the initial seven months and 10.25% for the remaining five months) and a minimum of 7% a year after that until maturity.

Series 37, issued Nov. 1, 1982, provides for the same annual return for the period ending Oct. 31, and a minimum of 8.50% a year after that until maturity.

All other outstanding and unmatured bonds earn 10.50% for the year ending Oct. 31, with a guaranteed minimum of 10.50% in subsequent years to maturity.

Wilson reminded holders of Canada Savings Bonds series 27, issued in 1972, and series 30, issued in 1975, that these bonds mature on Nov. 1.

Interfaith Day proclaimed

TORONTO —

Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton has proclaimed Oct. 17 Interfaith Day in honor of the city's religious mosaic.

Using the theme Harmony in Faith, a special 1-hour sesquicentennial interfaith Thanksgiving prayer service will be held on Nathan Phillips Square beginning at noon.

The following religious communities will be represented: Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Native Peoples, Sikh and Zoroastrian.

The Harbord Collegiate choir and band will perform for 30 minutes prior to the prayer service.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Toronto campaign for Israel Bonds was honored for outstanding achievement in the Ambassador's Society of Trustees phase of the 1983 campaign. Ben Himel, centre, is shown receiving a Community Achievement Award at the annual Israel Bonds National Leadership Conference held in Boston recently from David B. Hermelin, left, national campaign chairman and Yehudah Halevy, right, president of the Israel Bond organization.

Some of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University gathered at a reception for visiting professor Itzhak Parnas recently. Standing, from left: Manny Kimel, Parnas, Jack Hauer and Dr. Gerald Halbert. Seated from left: Amy Hauer, Tootsie Halbert and Eva Kimel.

Scientists face cutbacks while seeking answers

TORONTO —

Israeli scientists suffer from constant pressure to do work that answers the country's immediate needs, but face huge budgetary cuts for research, the dean of the faculty of science and mathematics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem said recently in Toronto.

Prof. Itzhak Parnas spoke about Israeli science at a reception hosted by Dr. Gerald Halbert, national president of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, and his wife, Tootsie.

He also spoke to Friends' Young Leadership in Toronto and Montreal and when McGill University and the University of Toronto realized he was in Canada, he was invited to give several special seminars as well.

Parnas said computer scientists and electronic engineers will be especially needed in large numbers in Israel in the coming years, but monetary problems lure them away from the country.

The Hebrew University has always been rated highly in the international scientific community, but Israel must keep up with both theoretical and applied research to remain innovative and competitive, he said.

Parnas, a world-renowned neurobiologist, said the only thing which really distinguishes humans from other mammals is the ability to think in terms of the future.

"Learning," he stressed, "is a biological necessity" and suggested that perhaps the Jewish concept of Torah lishmah, study for its own sake, developed with this in mind — that it doesn't matter what one studies, but, in order to survive, one must study something.

Parnas was thanked by Jack Hauer, president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends.

Hi-tech park booms

TEL AVIV —

There are no children playing in a big new park that keeps growing bigger and bigger at its location near the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

It's a high-tech industrial park called Kiryat Weizmann operated by Israel's largest banking group, Bank Leumi, through its subsidiary, Africa Israel Investments Ltd.

During the past year, the 31 industrial tenants housed in seven buildings in the booming, constantly expanding industrial park have generated $50 million worth of exports of high-tech products.

The products range from computers to pacemakers.

Shlomo Grofman, managing director of Africa Israel Investment Ltd., called the parklands "pastures of plenty" recently when he and other top executives inaugurated the construction of a new multi-purpose, 70,000-square-foot building.

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30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
of the Yiddish Culture Council
(Dedicated to the memory of the late Harry Topper, one of its founders)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1984, 8 P.M.
At the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street
TICKETS available at: Miriam's Book Store, 3007 Bathurst St. and the Negev Bookstore, 3509 Bathurst St.

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Max Enkin to receive 1984 Primrose Award

TORONTO —

Max Enkin vividly recalls his father's love for the dictum, "A good name is more precious than good oil." The lifelong commitment to social justice suggested by that saying will be recognized at a dinner on Oct. 23 when the Primrose Club will present Enkin with the 1984 Primrose Award for community service.

In announcing the award, club president Harold Soupcoff commented that "his has been a fulfilling life in which the interest of his fellow man has been the cardinal abiding principle. He is a man who, in return, has richly earned our respect and gratitude that this tribute signifies." Awards chairman Senator David A. Croll commented that "Enkin is a man whose enormous modesty has frequently obscured the extraordinary contributions he has made to Jewish life in this country. I can think of no more deserving recipient of an award for community service."

Max E. Enkin has had a lengthy career as a Jewish community leader, interfaith leader, Zionist, businessman, pioneer in labor relations, administrator and government representative.

Born near Vitebsk, Russia, in 1901, Enkin and his family were brought to Canada in 1906 by his father. Morris Enkin fled the czar's army, and more particularly the Russo-Japanese war to settle in Montreal. Assisted by the Baron de Hirsch Institute, he worked for many years as a carpenter at the CPR yards.

Max's mother Miriam died when he was 7, and Enkin remembers those years as difficult ones. But he also traces his consciousness of workers' rights and his commitment to unions to those days. His record in union relations is perhaps unparalleled in Canada. In more than 60 years as an employer he has "never had a strike, never had a lockout, never even had an arbitration."

He traces this record in part to his memories of his father's work experience. He recalls his father being injured while working on a railway car and "literally being dumped on the doorstep. We had no workmen's compensation, there was no unemployment insurance, there was no medicare. You were just left completely on your own . . . and that left an impression that I've never forgotten.

"So I understood that it was not what the employer was to gain out of the relationship but what the worker was to gain that was important. The fact of the matter was that there were no special institutions of any kind to help the modest worker to cope, and those early experiences have made me extremely socially conscious of the need to provide such help."

That social consciousness led in time to what was perhaps his most enduring contribution to Canadian Jewry and to the larger community. Enkin had been active in the clothing industry since the 20s, and during World War II that experience was tapped by the Wartime Prices and Trades Board. He was appointed associate clothing administrator for Canada. His work, both in Canada and overseas, to maintain the supply of fabrics in a wartorn economy was so valued that he was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE).

At war's end Enkin became involved with efforts to resettle refugees from the displaced persons camps of Europe in Canada. The Canadian Jewish Congress saw that the need for skilled workers in the garment industry could be used as a lever to bring Jews from those camps to Canada.

As president of the Ontario Clothing Manufacturers' Association Enkin entered into complex negotiations with the unions, clothing employers across Canada and the federal department of labor to establish the ground rules by which this effort could be made.

The CJC appointed Enkin as head of a mission to travel to Europe and visit the camps. He was accompanied by Sam Posluns, David Solomon, Bernard Shane and Sam Herbst. The mission traveled on behalf of both the employers and unions in the garment trade, and thus represented a remarkable (and successful) experiment in labor-management co-operation.

The mission was given official status by the department of labor, and was to work closely with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency (UNRRA) whose mandate it was to clear the refugee camps.

In London Enkin entered into face-to-face negotiations at Canada House with C. D. Howe, then the most powerful Canadian official in Europe, to establish the numbers of Jews who would be permitted to enter Canada. Given the Canadian government's sensitivity to the sentiments against admitting any Jewish refugees, it is a tribute to his negotiating skills that the agreement hammered out with Howe ultimately permitted the entry of more than 6,000 Jews to Canada.

Enkin recalls that his lifelong dedication to Zionism dates from this period. The closed-door policies of such countries as Australia, the limited-entry policies of Britain and Canada, the difficulties of his negotiations at Canada House, all convinced him that Israel was "absolutely essential" for Jewish survival.

Enkin's community involvement in other areas has been widespread and longstanding. He has been involved for more than 60 years with Holy Blossom Temple, and is today honorary president of the congregation.

He has served as a member of the national board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

For more than 25 years he was national treasurer of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

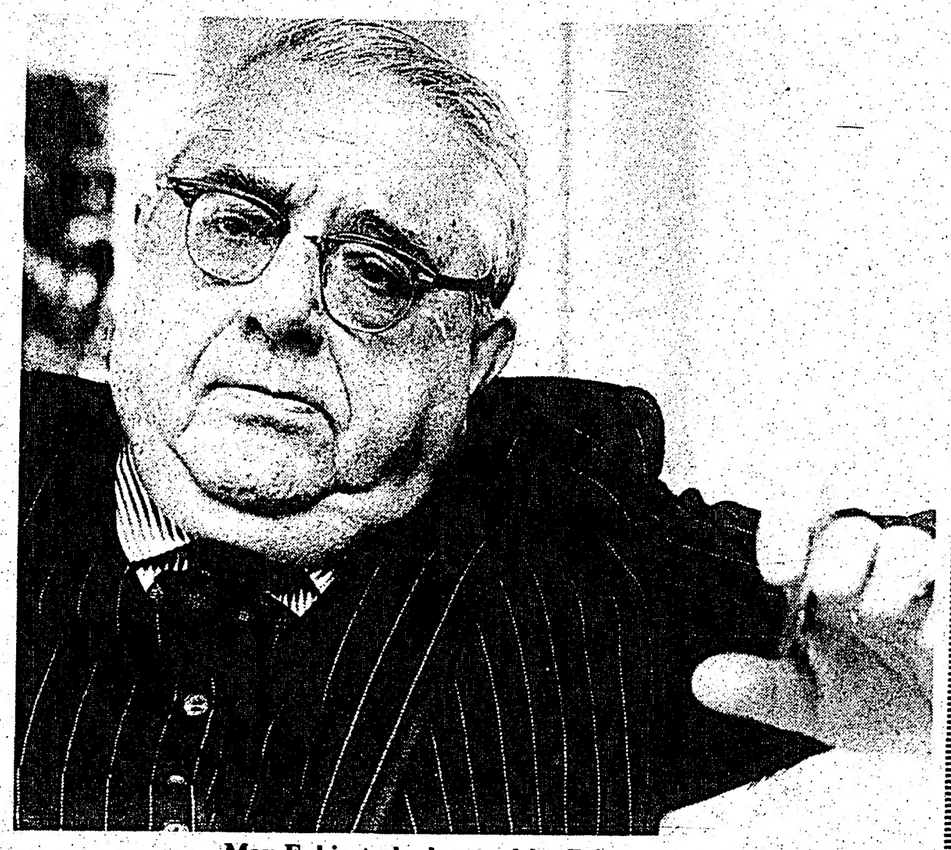
He was the first president of the board of the Jewish Vocational Service of Toronto, and has served on the boards of Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and the Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

He has had an equally broad involvement in the larger community. He was founding chairman of the Industrial Standards Act of the Men's Clothing Industry in Ontario, co-chairman of the advisory board of the Textile and Clothing Industry for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, chairman of the Men's Clothing Manufacturers' Association of Ontario, and has served as one of the Canadian representatives to the International Labor Organization in Geneva.

Enkin's first wife, Pearl, died in 1946. He has been married to Jeanette for more than 35 years. He has two sons — Murray, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at McMaster University Medical Centre, and Larry, managing director of Cambridge Clothes, the company purchased by the Enkin family in 1950. His stepson, Joseph Fried, is also associated with Cambridge Clothes. His step-daughter is Lynne Romberg.

The Enkins have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

At age 83 he is still active on a daily basis as president of Cambridge Clothes, and maintains a wide range of interests in the community of which he has so long been a vital part.



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The 4th annual workshop is aimed at teaching educators how to put together a program of studies about the Holocaust.

Andrew Effrat, dean of the faculty of education, says the workshop will be of "enormous assistance to those teachers who are new or experienced in this sensitive area of teaching through history, literature and the social sciences."

Ruth Resnick, a staff member with the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, says that "up until this was established, teachers had to use their own resources if they wanted to teach the Holocaust.

"Many educators wanted to begin a program but didn't know where to begin," she said.

She added that if teachers become more aware, students, in turn, will also become more aware of the Holocaust. "We are teaching these teachers to go out and teach others."

Lawrence Langer, professor of English at Simmons College in Boston, the keynote speaker, will discuss the Holocaust and the Literary Imagination.

Other workshop topics include Some Christian Perspectives on the Holocaust, the Vocabulary of the Holocaust and Confronting Race Relations.

An afternoon panel discussion will be on Teaching the Holocaust — Policies and Perspectives, with Harold Lass of Northern Secondary School as moderator.

Films about the Holocaust will be available for viewing after the workshop.

Resnick said that teaching the Holocaust in the school system is a process that is "slowly taking off."

She added that there are teachers in Toronto, North York and Scarborough who include the Holocaust in their course of studies and they are encouraging others to do the same.

Deadline for registration for the workshop is Oct. 23. A $25 fee includes registration, materials and lunch.

Tickets or further information may be obtained from Ruth Resnick, Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale M2R 3V2; phone (416) 635-2883.

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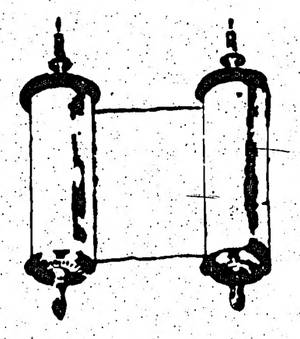

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

SUCCOTH 5745

Kindness always pays off.

How were the Jews worthy of the beautiful mitzvah of the succah? When Abraham saw three wanderers straggling in the desert, he welcomed them: "V'heeshanu tachas ha'etz ... rest under the tree ... "

G-d said: You rested these poor people (really angels) under a tree, your children will rest under the shade of the succah. And in the future, the righteous will celebrate under the succah made from the skin of the great Leviathan!

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It's not only how beautiful an ethrog is shaped that's important, but what a Jewish heart looks like.

The brilliant Reb Chaim Ozer once had a guest for Succoth. Rem Chaim had a bad cold, and the weather was bitter. He decided that because of his health, he was allowed to eat in the house — but the healthy guest was required to eat in the succah.

A few minutes later Reb Chaim returned and sat down with his guest. "But Rebbe," asked the guest deferentially, "you said that someone who is suffering like yourself is not obligated to sit here."

Answered Reb Chaim Ozer: "True, a person who is uncomfortable is freed from the obligation of succah — but not from the mitzvah of hacnosat orchim ... welcoming guests! If I leave you here alone and you feel lonely, that is not fulfilling the mitzvah of hospitality, so I returned." (Birkat Chaim)

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What is a Jew's job? We live in a dirty world, where every schmutz has become kosher ... where nothing is too shameful.

We have to go higher, higher in kedusha. The more the world slips, the more we must struggle upwards.

What is a succah? Four walls, and then a green roof. No fine upper beams here, no plaster. No gardener-designed tendrils artfully woven.

Psolet! The leftover cuttings of branches, a little pile of reeds, some leaves that no one else wants.

From that you make a holy succah?

But to teach that a Jew must take the psolet of life, that which the world handles without feeling, without modesty, without thinking, our eating, our drinking, our sleeping, our business, our talk, our thoughts, our dreams, our greed, our foolishness, our stupidities and selfishness and lift them high, heavenward to G-d.

Psolet! Every second of our life is sanctified to G-d, nothing pareve, but everything is holy and meaningful!

Succah equals 91 in gematriah. The word Amen also equals 91. Amen means faith, emunah. The succah is all faith — throw ourselves into a mitzvah, enclose ourselves in holiness, sit under the sheltering canopy of succah and ascend, ascend, ascend!

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A certain chazzan grew old, and the congregation murmured: "His voice doesn't move us any more."

The chazzan overheard them and protested: "It's not true! Last Shabbat, I was praying the shacharit service. I completed the blessing ... 'habocher b'amo Yisrael b'ahavah' with such strength, that the congregation grew frightened and began shouting: "Shema Yisrael:" (Note: Shema Yisreal always follows the blessing, habocher).

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Dental angel descends on Toronto

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Before the "dental angel" descended upon Jerusalem in 1980, the city had a large number of underprivileged children who had never owned a toothbrush, let alone visited a dentist.

Now, thanks to the efforts of Jerusalemite Trudi Birger, 20,000 of these kids have received dental treatment in the city's first free dental clinic, Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI).

DVI, which boasts five fully equipped dental chairs, an X-ray unit and a large preventive care program is staffed by volunteer dentists from around the world.

"Most of the children are getting dental care for the first time in their lives," said Birger, who was in Toronto recently to raise funds for the clinic.

"Their parents can hardly afford to feed them, let alone send them to a dentist," she continued. "At one time schoolchildren received dental care through the schools, but six years ago the government limited its funding to grade 2s only."

Birger, a sparkly, bright blonde, obviously excited about her project, is a Holocaust survivor whose life was spared at the last moment just before she was scheduled to be killed in a Nazi crematorium in Stutthof.

"I vowed after I survived that nightmare I would dedicate my life to poor children," she said.

True to her word, she has adopted 50 underprivileged Jerusalem families including 500 children. "I know each child by name and their problems, she said. "I listen to them with patience and try to help them."

In order to help these children full time, Birger gave up her career as a microbiologist.

It was when she heard many people complain about problem teeth that the idea of a free clinic formed in Birger's mind.

She appealed to dentists in France to volunteer for a few weeks in Israel and then the whole idea took off.

Volunteers now come to spend a working holiday of at least two weeks in Israel from Canada, United States, France and Sweden.

Although dentists must provide their own transportation and food, they are given apartments and are often treated to tours of the country, theatre tickets and invited for Friday dinners with Jerusalem families.

"Volunteers are signed up until 1986, but there are still a few spaces," Birger said.

She noted that not only do the volunteers fix the children's teeth but they teach them dental hygiene, as well. Parents are also taught how to care for their children's teeth.

On a less optimistic note, Birger said that the clinic is in desperate need of funds so as to continue its work.

DVI relies solely on private donations and needs an estimated $8,000 (U.S.) a month to cover rent, salaries for dental assistants and maintenance of equipment.

She is appealing to dentists who cannot volunteer and to anyone interested in DVI to send tax deductible donations — made out to the Jerusalem Foundation DVI — to Dr. Fred Intrater, 212 Dunvegan Rd., Toronto M5P 2P2.

Dentists who want to volunteer can contact Dr. Max Florence, 60 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto M4T 1N5 or call 925-8933.

Ofira Navon, left, wife of former president of Israel, watches while a volunteer dentist and staff member instruct a child in dental hygiene.

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13: Monday, February 4th — ISLAM – NIGHTINGALES IN A SAND-STORM – Part II *Rabbi Martin Lockshin, Ph.D.*

14: Monday, February 11th — CHRISTIANITY – LOST IN THE ENCHANTED LAND – Part I – JEWISH-CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTERS IN MEDIEVAL TIMES *Rabbi Saul Tanenzapf, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies, York University*

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"Judaism holds recipe for better world"

Case made for remaining committed Jews in NA

By SOL CHROM

TORONTO —

"This is not a descriptive speech. I am here to make a case for Judaism."

With this declaration, Dennis Prager, a U.S. author on Jewish subjects, opened his lecture last week at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Prager told more than 150 people why they should remain committed Jews despite the temptations of assimilation.

He said the question he was there to discuss — specifically, "why should I be Jewish" — was the greatest problem facing Jews today, even more so than Arafat or anti-semitism.

"Why, if they're well received in North America or Europe, should Jews positively identify themselves as being different from the majority? Jews assimilate because they have no reason to be different. No longer do the goyim 'force us to be Jewish,'" he said.

Traditional responses such as one heard at the yeshiva, Prager said, were not good enough. "They used to say 'God said so.' End of issue . . . I wasn't so sure Hashem really cared whether I had shrimp or halibut.

"If we can't offer a (real) answer, we are in very poor shape to bring meaning to Judaism in the Age of Reason."

Prager criticized invocations of the Holocaust as reasons to stay Jewish. He said that this had spawned a whole new theology whose basic premise was that Jews had to survive so as not to give Hitler a posthumous victory.

"If Hitler had wanted to destroy stamp collectors, would we all be obliged to take up stamp collecting?" Prager said. "Hitler is not an argument to be Jewish. Hitler is an argument to assimilate . . . It's a ludicrous lie that Jews can't assimilate. The cardinal of France was born Jewish, and he's assimilated very well."

He also poked fun at what he said was the most frequent argument one hears from one's Jewish parents. " 'If you marry that non-Jew, I'll die.' What a nice positive argument!"

Dennis Prager

So why be Jewish? Prager's answer: "To perfect the world under God's rule. Judaism holds the best recipe for a better world."

Prager said there were four major reasons for this.

The first, he said, is Judaism's most extraordinarily correct understanding of human nature. Judaism, he added, is not a religion for wishful thinkers or romantics. The book of Genesis, he said, teaches we are not basically good . . . that we tend toward evil.

However, he pointed out that Judaism has no doctrine of original sin either. "We're middle of the road . . . we're not born evil, but we're not born good either."

Romanticizing human nature, Prager said, came in with humanism.

"Judaism says to change the individual, and that's why it isn't popular. The biggest battle is inside yourself, between good and evil.

Prager pointed out Judaism's emphasis on innate ability. If you work hard enough at it, he said, you can do anything. Goodness has to be taught and extracted.

This brought him to his second point, which was the need for Jewish law.

"The point of the law is to have you DO good," Prager said. "Jewish law is a means to an end, not an end in itself.

"Halacha means way, not end," he said. "The Jew who says 'I'm a Jew in my heart, I don't need the law' is speaking pure New Testament. It's a romantic view that stresses what's in your heart . . ."

The third reason, Prager said, was to bring the world to the realization of God. This was the reason that law is based on God.

"If God didn't say not to commit murder, there would be no reason not to murder . . . if God didn't say it, the only reason not to do it would be because you were taught to believe it was wrong."

He pointed out that the Righteous Gentiles, the ones who tried to save Jews during the Holocaust, were overwhelmingly religious Christians.

"If God isn't the basis of ethics, then there is no objective basis for judging good and evil. It's just your opinion against the next guy's . . . Hitler thought he was doing a wonderful thing.

"Secular government is OK. Secular morality, however, means that you're only responsible to your own conscience."

Prager quoted from Leviticus, citing God's admonition to love one's neighbor. "The full commandment is 'Love thy neighbor as thyself; I am the Lord.' Without God, that's just a nice suggestion, not a law," he said.

Finally, Prager said that there was a Jewish trinity of God, Torah, and Israel. Most Christians, he said, did not feel shame that it was Christians who did the killing at Sabra and Shatila; by contrast, Jews felt profound shame that some Jews could have been even indirectly involved.

"We are ashamed when another Jew does evil . . . You can only make the world better as a group. That's why we're a people and not just a religion."

In the question period, Prager derided Jewish academics as "the most alienated Jews in the world. They are the epitome of secular humanists. There isn't even a close second. And it's beyond me how people can be humanists after Auschwitz . . . Auschwitz was built by human beings."

He also rejected the idea that the Christian Right poses a threat to Jews in the United States. He said that he would actually prefer a Christian society to a secular one, because it would be harder for Jews to assimilate.

Prager concluded by emphasizing the importance of maintaining a Jewish environment in the home, and said there could be no compromises. "It won't be the end of the world if you don't watch sports on TV on Shabbat . . . You'll find that there's more to life than baseball."

Decision making process must be shared: Eliach

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Jewish organizations must start using more women in their decision-making processes, or they will be in danger of losing some brilliant Jewish minds, says Yafa Eliach, professor of history and literature, department of Judaic studies at Brooklyn College.

"Women are capable and creative and don't want to keep the shtetl mentality of Eastern Europe," Eliach told about 500 members of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Organizations last week at the Shaarei Shomayim synagogue.

Eliach and Chaviva Hosek, president, National Action Committee on the Status of Women, spoke at Kaleidoscope 85, a program dedicated to discussing the Jewish woman and her role in the community and the family.

Eliach, a survivor, served on President Carter's Holocaust Commission and is director for the Centre for Holocaust Studies in Brooklyn, the first institution in North America devoted exclusively to the study of the Holocaust.

She is currently spending two years studying the women of a shtetl in Eastern Europe that existed for 900 years before it was destroyed in the Holocaust.

"Women in this shtetl were often the only source of income in the family, and were responsible for organizing family life, yet they were excluded from public office," Eliach noted.

She said that even though women made the money, they had no say in how the funds were allocated.

She declared that "men must realize we are no longer living in a shtetl. We must be given some decision-making power or we will go somewhere else."

Hosek agreed that many women live as if they are still in a shtetl.

"Women easily do 70% of the world's work yet own only 1% of the property," Hosek said.

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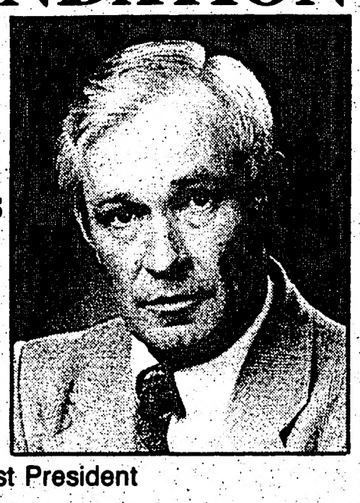

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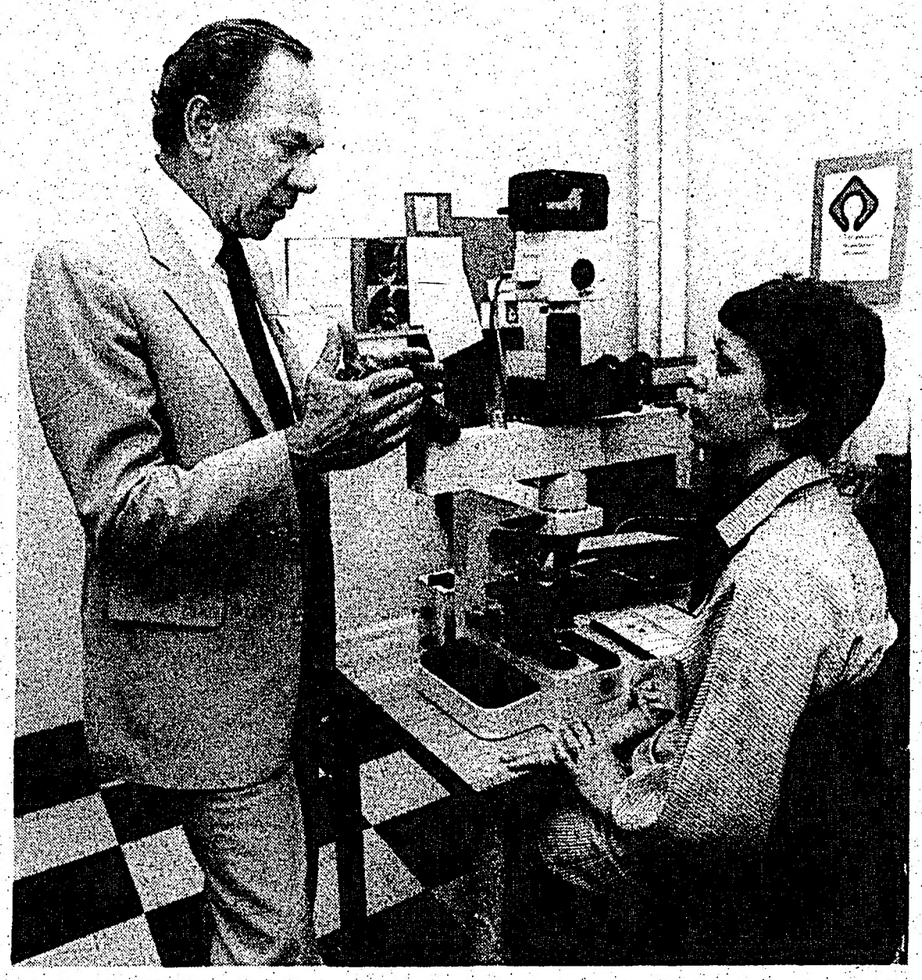

Murray Koffler, honorary chairman of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada, discusses the $16,000 microscope the Foundation donated, with Dr. Catherine Bergeron, head of the Canadian Brain Tissue Bank.

Awareness week for mystery illness

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's a puzzling disease that strikes one out of every 100 Canadians over the age of 50.

It begins with a rhythmic, involuntary, trembling of your fingers.

It develops into a stiffening of the muscles.

Ultimately you have trouble walking, writing, speaking, controlling your facial expression — often leaving you an adult more helpless than a child.

It's called Parkinson's disease, which has no known cause or cure. And the 4,200 members of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada recently appointed community leader Murray Koffler honorary chairman of its first nationwide Parkinson Week in a campaign designated to enlighten the public about the "Parkinson puzzle."

Koffler, board chairman of Shoppers Drug Mart, helped spark the campaign by meeting the media at the Banting Institute on College St. There he discussed with Dr. Catherine Bergeron, head of the Canadian Tissue Bank, the values to researchers of a $16,000 state-of-the-art Leitz Orthopian miscroscope.

The electronically-assisted miscroscope saves researchers precious time and allows two of them to view slides at once. It's part of the $250,000 donation which the foundation has recently provided to medical researchers.

"As a pharmacist I have knowledge of the medications that have provided relief of many patients' symptoms. As a friend and colleague of a foundation director who has been hit by Parkinson's disease, I am wholeheartedly behind all that's being done to solve the Parkinson puzzle," said Koffler.

Since the late 1960s, great strides in research and helping drugs have been made by Drs. Oleh Hornykiewicz of Toronto and Andre Barbeau of Montreal, "the Banting and Best of Parkinson's disease."

Over the last five years, Parkinson patients and their friends have raised $650,000 for Canadian researchers.

Sufferers, family or friends may contact one of 13 chapters across Canada or the Parkinson Foundation of Canada, 55 Bloor St. W., (964-1155), or in Montreal at 1155 Metcalfe St. (514-879-1608). A membership fee costs $10.

Chicken soup boogie

Jewish album a toe-tapper

By SHERYL HALPERN

MONTREAL —

The jacket blurb for The Seventh Day, a new album from Lemonstone Records, says it will "get your toes tapping." It has reggae, breakdance music, Dixieland and pop tunes — and it's about Shabbat.

It's a family-oriented children's record, with Shabbat songs — but definitely your less-than-traditional Shabbat songs.

Co-produced by the Lemonstone team of Fran Avni and Jackie Cytrynbaum, with Avni doing the song arrangements, lead vocals and acoustic guitar, and Cytrynbaum doing much of the songwriting, it's a Jewish holiday record with a modern beat — and sound effects.

Avni and Cytrynbaum, who co-produced two previous albums, Mostly Matzah and Latkes and Hamantaschen, wanted a record that wasn't seasonal, "that was appropriate every week." Children love their records, they explain, and play them until they wear out. But that also wears out their parents — especially if it means listening to Chanukah songs around Shavuoth, or Passover songs around Succoth.

There were many records on the theme of Shabbat, but most had a "very religious approach" that they felt might put off children who were not affiliated with synagogues or Jewish day schools. They wanted a record that would instil pride in the Jewish heritage — and maybe get a few fingers snapping.

They believe they have it in The Seventh Day. "We're becoming very good at what we're doing as producers of recordings," says Cytrynbaum. Avni adds, "This is really terrific because it includes everything. For the other records the cutoff point was age 9; this record extends to the teenage group." And even to parents.

The album's songs are "choreographed" to follow the order of Shabbat, from sundown on Friday to havdalah on Saturday. They're also designed to educate children "in a very pleasurable way,, about important Shabbat concepts, prayers and symbols.

Some album cuts: the reggae tune, Always Room For More, about the custom of having Shabbat guests, was played on the CFCF telethon for research into children's diseases; the breakdance tune, Noah, is a retelling of the story of Noah as a "children's rap to breakdance rhythms;" there's a jazz number, Once Upon A Time, telling the story of Creation; there's a Shabbat March, which marches in all the Shabbat symbols and blessings.

Some of the songs get across serious concepts: Today's Shabbat, which defines the three major concepts of Shabbat, rest, holiness and delight; Let's Take A Sabbatical, a syncopated tune which shows the difference between work and rest.

Some are just for fun — the Dixieland band tune, The Chicken Soup Song is about just that — "cause everybody loves chicken, chicken/Everybody loves chicken soup."

Avni says the record focuses on the universality of concepts: "We try to choose universal feelings — family, rest, celebration."

They've been working on the album for about a year. "We've been doing research and reading since last October; I started writing the songs after that," says Cytrynbaum.

They tested the material on children during workshops for Jewish Music Month this past April, and were in a studio for about five weeks recording the album.

Technically speaking, they say, "the quality of recording can match any children's recording."

Biographical notes: Avni, a performer with several Israeli albums to her credit, now performs, does music production for the Tal Sela Hebrew program, and was artistic consultant for this year's World Jewish Song Festival. She also developed a choir at Akiva school, her children's school — and there's a chorus of Akiva schoolchildren on the album, too.

Cytrynbaum, a former nursery school teacher who now is a music teacher at the Snowdon YM-YWHA, writes simple, direct, "kid-style" songs.

Where to get an album:

It's been ordered by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal for class listening; but if you want a copy, the record's available in Montreal at Kotel Hebrew Books, 6414 Victoria Ave.; Radal's Hebrew Books, 4689 Van Horne Ave.; Silverberg's Toys, Cavendish Mall.

In Toronto, it's available at Negev Imports, 3509 Bathurst; Children's Book Store, 604 Markham St.; Israel Book and Gift Ltd., 973 Eglinton Ave.; Story Tree, 502 Eglinton Ave. W.; Miriam's Gift Shop, 3007 Bathurst.

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Journey to Jerusalem, rabbi entreats Pope

EDMONTON —

A symbolic olive branch was extended and a call for peace made to Pope John Paul II during his recent visit to this city by Rabbi Haim Kemelman, spiritual leader of Beth Shalom Congregation.

"I would entreat the globe-trotting Pope to make his happy journey to Jerusalem. To be the messenger of good tidings, the harbinger of the promise of peace, to break the barriers of racial and political hatred," Kemelman said in a letter presented to the Pontiff after meeting with him.

"For what hope can there be to a peace-yearning world to be united in hope, if Jerusalem...cradle of the highest version of peace in our Judaic-Christian heritage, cannot stand united in peace.

"In reverence to the Pope and the plea and the holy places of Jerusalem, I would humbly ask him, (a man of multi-language talent), to say in Hebrew, 'Shalom,' as it was originally uttered at the root of prophecy by all prophets, visionaries and seers from the days of the Bible, in their search for man's common peace and tranquility."

Recalling the words of Pope John XXIII to a Jew, "I am Joseph your brother," Kemelman said that Pope John Paul II should "reflect" on that papal utterance.

"Wouldn't the Pope then recognize in me our true relationship," Kemelman stated. "I would then remind him of that recognition of his own finest hour of empathy and sympathy to my people, when he flung himself to the ground in memory and holy memorial near the chimneys that stand as sinister reminders of Man's abysmal and ultimate debasement in bigotry and hate.

"In all humility and trepidation, I would commiserate with the Pope for that sad day...when he knelt to the earth in devotion, gazing at the stark landscape of death in Auschwitz, where millions of souls, Jewish brethren, went up in smoke, their martyred bodies in ashes. How he felt deeply shaken and how we were all profoundly moved by his act of homage and pilgrimage at martyrdom's shrine. That surely was a sad journey, all holy and heart-rending."

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Members of the General Assembly cabinet take a moment to pose for photo during one of many meetings. Standing, from left: Judy Noyek, Rochelle Diamond, Eleanor Rose, Jeanette Massouda, Julia Koschitzky, Phyllis Flatt, Donna Elkind, Annette Bearg and Margie Goldhar. Seated, from left: Sheila Bellack, Gella Rothstein, Mira Koschitzky, Judy Scheininger, Didi Urbach and Renee Rubinstein. [Graphic Artists photo]

TJC committee gears up as assembly draws near

TORONTO —

With over 1,000 members of the local community already signed up for a variety of voluntary host duties at the upcoming 53rd annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, you can understand why Mira Koschitzky dubs Toronto as "the volunteer community."

Mrs. Koschitzky is chairman of the host committee of Toronto Jewish Congress for the GA, which will be held here Nov. 14-18.

But despite the flood of volunteers, some openings still exist — to fill in at the GA message centre and information desks at the Royal York and Sheraton Centre hotels, to participate as hospitality lounge hosts, to act as meeting monitors during a number of the forums and to act as official greeters to GA delegates, Koschitzky reports.

Coordinating the activities of local volunteers is just one of the items on the agenda of Koschitzky and her General Assembly host committee, wich has been meeting since early January to help ensure a smooth flow to GA proceedings.

Other committee activities have included coordinating the opening and closing reception, and compiling a hospitality brochure for the gathering's 3,000 delegates.

As well, the committee has been immersed in planning Shabbat evening activities, and has had a full hand in planning menus and decor for the event's 4-day span.

Gella Rothstein and Judy Scheininger are associate chairman of the committee, whose members include Annette Bearg, Rochelle Diamond, Donna Elkind, Phyllis Flatt, Margie Goldhar, Sabina Green, Judy Gwartz, Julia Koschitzky, Jeanette Massouda, Judy Noyek, Penny Offman, Eleanor Rose, Rochelle Rosenblum, Renee Rubenstein and Didi Urbach.

Koschitzky advises that volunteers already on file for the event will be contacted in the near future regarding specific assignments and assignment times.

Jewish community members wishing to participate as volunteers may register by calling 635-2883, local 182.

Belleville, Kingston launch UIA drive

TORONTO —

The Ontario region of the United Israel Appeal of Canada has kicked off its 1984 fall campaign with meetings in Belleville and Kingston.

In Belleville, 40 people joined UIA chairman Ben Jay Spiegel to hear guest speaker Rabbi Adi Sultanik, director of young leadership of UIA-Keren Hayesod, discuss the importance of contributions to the campaign.

He spoke of Jewish self-determination and of "providing dignity and self respect to 300,000 Israelis living below the poverty line as one of our great achievements in Israel."

Addressing himself to the people of Belleville, he said "we want all small Jewish communities in Canada to be kept in the mainstream of Jewish life and aware of Israeli affairs. In many small cities, the UIA campaign is the only link between the community and Israel."

In Kingston, about 50 people gathered with chairman Mort Berman for a community-wide meeting addressed by Sultanik. The rabbi told the meeting "there is a danger that economic dependency may threaten Jewish political independence.

"Your dollar given to Israel goes much farther and beyond the social needs of the country," he added. "By supporting Israel through the United Israel Appeal you get more in return than you give."

The Ontario region of UIA will hold its annual general meeting, luncheon and awards presentation in Toronto on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the home of Murray and Louise Cornblum, 50 Park Lane Circle, Don Mills.

For more information, contact the UIA at (416) 636-7655.

BB Canada plans leadership meet

TORONTO —

The involvement of grassroot members in a national organization will be the theme as the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith Canada holds its annual leadership development symposium at the Prince Hotel, Oct. 14 at 8.30 a.m.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai, will speak on the role of leaders in communal organizations and the importance of membership organizations in North America in the 1980s.

The symposium will also feature three workshops in which participants will examine ways in which grassroots members can better involve themselves in the activities of B'nai B'rith Canada.

For tickets and information contact David Grader 598-4000 or 638-7355.

United Way's goal set at $27 million

TORONTO —

The annual campaign for United Way is now in progress, with the goal set at $27 million.

"The needs of the city have never been greater," said campaign chairman Michael Cornelissen, as he launched the campaign at a ceremony at Queens Park.

He pointed out that 145,000 people are out of work in Metro Toronto, two out of five marriages are on the rocks and there's a mushrooming seniors population. All these matters are the concern of agencies supported through United Way.

The United Way raised $24.3 million in the 1983 campaign and has targeted a 12% increase this year. The campaign runs to Nov. 29.

The United Way funds 88 agencies and special projects including Baycrest Day Care Service, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, the Council of Jewish Social Service Agencies, the Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Family & Child Service of Metro Toronto, the Jewish Home for the Aged and the Jewish Vocational Service of Metro Toronto.

Effects of inflation curb worry Israeli officials

WASHINGTON(JTA)—

Israel cannot solve its 400% annual inflation problem by allowing unemployment to develop, as other countries have done, it was stressed here last week by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and Likud MK Ehud Olmert.

Speaking to some 100 Jewish leaders participating in the United Jewish Appeal's annual Hineni national leadership meeting, both said that large-scale unemployment would mean that many young Israelis would emigrate. Shamir added they would also make more difficult the talks of absorbing the new emmigrants.

"Many times when I come to this country and I see so many Israelis who are living here, my heart breaks," Sharir told the UJA group in a briefing at the Israeli embassy. "We cannot afford to lose Israelis. We are going to be safe and sound in our country when we are going to have a population of five to six million Jews like in ancient times.

Sharir added that the Arabs will then "have to give up their dream to throw us into the sea because you can't destroy a country of five to six million Jews."

Olmert noted that the decision of the new unity coalition government, led by Premier Shimon Peres, to cut $1 billion from its budget means it has to come either from defence, which Sharir said is already near the "red line" where it cannot be reduced further without endangering security, or from such items as welfare or social services.

But Olmert stressed that Israel in solving its economic problems, cannot "create other social problems that will have consequences that are as dangerous to the Israeli society as the economic difficulties."

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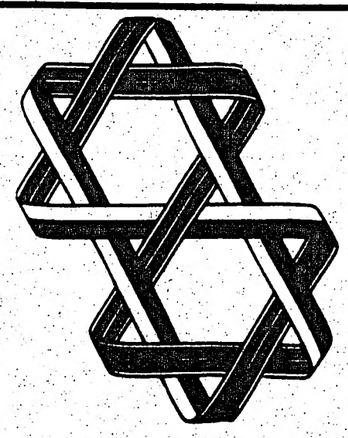

Campaign HOT-line

Despite all the holidays, campaign activities haven't slowed down at all.

Just prior to Yom Kippur, for example, Business Co-chairman **Sid Chelsky** and **Dr. Harry Krakowsky** scheduled an across-the-board telethon for their division. Both Sid and Harry are anxious to get those cards covered. Will fill you in next time around on how well they did.

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After getting the first big meeting of Community Services off the ground in September, you'd think the division's Chairman would give himself a breather. That's not **Sam Ruth's** style.

Sam's been meeting on a one-to-one basis with executive directors of a number of communal agencies, enlisting their help and, according to him, getting "wonderful" responses.

Mel Olsberg, Executive Director of Holy Blossom Temple, has agreed to work with Sam throughout the campaign. **Rhea Shulman,** who directs activities at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, has "indicated her full support," says Sam.

Ruth will also be meeting with **Michael Scheinert,** Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly Executive Director, and with **Paul Brownstein,** acting Director of the Jewish Community Centre North Branch.

Plans are in the works for an "all-staff" meeting at the Lipa Green Building for sometime in November. **Sam Ruth** hopes to bring together all personnel in Toronto's Jewish communal agencies.

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No matter how large or small the division, results are what count. When **Harold Malitzky,** Chairman of Hebrew Teachers Division informed us that he's getting a 16% increase on pledges already in, it's good news for the campaign.

Harold credits **Sam Kapustin,** President of the Hebrew Teachers Federation, with gettng those figures up. Kapustin, he says, is doing a firt-rate job as Campaign Co-ordinator for his fellow Hebrew teachers.

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On Sunday, October 21 the Lipa Green Building (at least the fourth floor) will be filled with the aroma of Sephardic food, courtesy of Le Marrakech Restaurant.

The occasion is the opening dinner meeting for the Student Campaign. It will be a combined get-together of the University of Toronto and York University. Chairmen for 1985 are **Andrew Pascoe** and **Les Aaron** for U of T, and **Lana Flomen** and **Stephen Morris** for York.

Mark Gryfe of UJA, will be guest speaker, filling students in on the priorities to be met in the campaign — locally and in Israel.

For the first time ever, a UJA student campaign will be launched at **Ryerson Polytechnical Institute,** which has a substantial Jewish enrollment. Chairmen will be appointed at a later date.

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Lesley Binstock and **Carol Kassel** will be wearing two hats on October 22. On that evening they will appear as representatives of **1st Impressions,** a successful business venture they have run for the past 13 years.

1st Impressions co-ordinates programs in areas related to human resource development ranging from appropriate executive dressing to personal image projection.

Both Lesley and Carol have conducted seminars in staff development, self-improvement and motivation.

What is their other hat? UJA Women's Division reps, of course. Lesley and Carol are deeply involved as Associate Chairman of Pacesetters and as Education Co-ordinator, respectively.

The "Evening of Self Discovery" will be held at the home of **Susan Fenwick,** as part of Women's Division outreach program to bring young women who have never before been involved, into the UJA fold, and familiarize them with what we are all about. Eligibility to attend is a minimum $25.00 contribution.

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All this column goes to press, Kaleidoscope '85 will have passed into history.

The community event at Shaarei Shomayim, is the culmination of several months of feverish activity and a host of successful Women's Division functions for the 1985 campaign.

Now begins the serious work of getting cards in. The first pull-in has been scheduled for October 15 at UJA headquarters. All canvassers will be asked to complete outstanding cards and hand them to their associate chairmen who in turn, will bring them to the pull-in.

It's a pyramid system which works extremely well, we're told.

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Outgoing president reassures:

JVS successfully deals with society's problems

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Despite the "new reality" of widespread unemployment, shrinking opportunities for middle class job seekers who have never before been out of work, more single parent households and rising incidence of emotional disturbance among young people, Jewish Vocational Service is addressing current conditions effectively, according to retiring president Michael Steinberg.

Speaking at the organization's recent annual meeting held in the Wagman Centre, he paid tribute to the dedication and competence of the staff, noting that approximately 3,800 individuals were served. "Viewed in the family context, it becomes reasonable to assert that about 15,000 persons were affected by JVS programs," he said.

He observed, too, that JVS has managed to maintain and even improve its service without incurring deficits during the past two years.

Reports were given on various facets.

Sandra Brown, co-chairperson of the counseling services committee, explained that the Educational Counseling Centre serves the youngest clientele, offering psychological assessment and remedial treatment to students in the Hebrew day schools of Toronto. Some 1,200 — about 20% of the student body — were seen on a group and/or individual basis in the current academic year.

Career guidance programs, jointly planned by JVS and school guidance staff, are offered in the senior grades. Pupils concur that the opportunity to confer with people experienced in a wide range of occupations has provided them with valuable information for the important decisions they will be making, she added.

Career counseling services committee co-chairperson Morrey Solway said that JVS career counselors are "honing their skills" to help people in these times of economic uncertainty.

"JVS counselors want results for their clients," declared Solway. "Sometimes a change of behavior is expected, and the outcome of counseling may be a blueprint for a career, or the development of a more self-confident individual who can move ahead on the job. Office workers, women in particular, may be encouraged to apply their talents to a non-traditional career — in engineering, for example."

The Career Counseling Centre has had its accreditation renewed with favorable comments from the international accreditation body, said Solway. It is now offering short-term (three or four sessions) practical group seminars geared to handling stress in the workplace, making a career, and job decisions. Career planning workshops are also available through JVS at the JCC northern branch.

David A. Rubin, left, new president of Jewish Vocational Service, is welcomed by outgoing president Michael N. Steinberg.

The Placement Centre's role of finding appropriate positions for job ready people was severely tested this past year, according to committee chairperson Bill Humber. The client caseload reached a record high of 1,648 persons. "Of these, 728 were placed or found jobs as a result of our efforts," he said. "Given the circumstances confronting our staff, the results are gratifying."

There is, said Humber, a significant increase in clients aged 35-45, with managerial, professional, clerical and self-employed backgrounds, previously earning from $12,000 to $45,000, largely with good work histories and never before needing help in finding employment.

The Job Concept Club was introduced to serve this group. Small gatherings of fairly resourceful job applicants offer mutual support in maintaining morale, preparing resumés, charting a systematic job search program and similar activities. Leadership is provided by a qualified professional.

Richard Krelstein, co-chairman of the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre zeroed in on the "human problems" which the staff encounters and must deal with every day, describing two client case histories.

A secretary/receptionist in her late 40s was sidelined by a brain tumor which, though operable, has left her currently unable to work effectively and she was compelled to go on welfare. Her shattered confidence is being restored by JVS and she is beginning to feel that her life has some meaning again.

A 22-year-old diagnosed as schizophrenic, who was referred to JVS, did everything to get himself out of the rehabilitation program, but his counselor and the rest of the staff kept working with him. After several months the VRC found him a good job, learning a skill and earning his own income.

But he stopped taking his medication, became ill again and was involved in an accident. Now in a psychiatric hospital, he is improving, and realizes the need to continue with his medication and go back to rehabilitation to regain his confidence.

"The severity of clients' disabilities and the adverse labor market make it extremely difficult for staff to move people into the community and into jobs," said Krelstein, yet the VRC was able to rehabilitate 111 persons last year out of the 258 new clients.

David Rubin, new president of Jewish Vocational Service, who has served on the board for approximately 17 years, outlined the organization's substantial growth, but he maintained that the agency "cannot rest on its laurels."

He stressed the need "to provide cost-effective service to the ever increasing stream of needy clients, at the same time clearly keeping in sight the need to recognize and appreciate the emotional, and human needs and problems of our clients."

Parents Against Drugs organize 1st fun run

TORONTO —

The Parents Against Drugs Organization (PAD) will kick off Addiction Awareness Week, Oct. 21-28, with its 1st annual fun run on Oct. 21.

The 10 km run will start at Sunnybrook Park at 8 a.m. and wind through the park at Eglinton and Lawrence.

To encourage participation for the whole family, prizes will be offered to males and females in 12 age categories.

Other events during the week include a flag raising ceremony by Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn in Nathan Phillips Square at 9 a.m. on Oct. 22, a seminar at the Toronto Board of Education sponsored by the Drug Education Coordinating Council, also on Oct. 22, and an evening forum at the St. Lawrence Town Hall on Oct. 23, sponsored by the Alcoholism Recovery Homes Association.

PAD was originally the creation of several families in North York who had joined forces to address the problem of teenage drug use. In January 1983, it was formally established as a non-profit, volunteer organization, and is now registered for charitable purposes.

For entry forms and sponsor sheets for the fun run call 225-6604.

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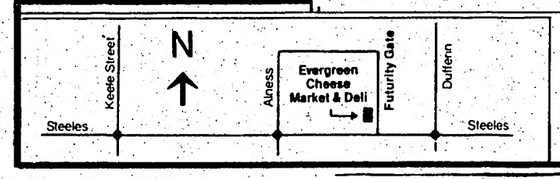

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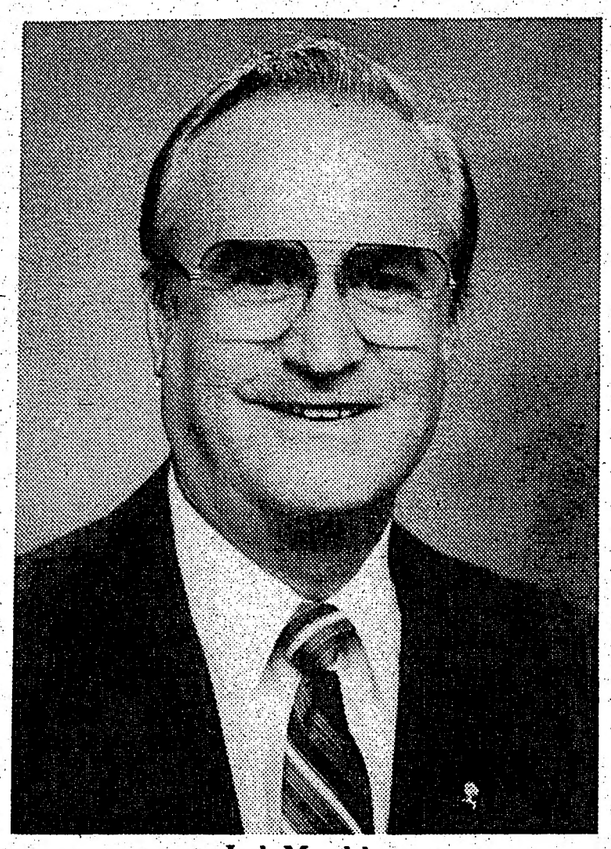

Jack Mandel

Hamilton BB fetes Mandel

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Long-term Hamilton B'nai B'rith stalwart Jack Mandel will be the honoree at this year's annual B'nai B'rith — State of Israel Bonds breakfast at Temple Anshe Sholom on Sunday, Oct. 21.

His bio, laughs Mandel, is "very, very short: I was born in Hamilton, brought up in Hamilton, educated in Hamilton and all my life I've lived and worked in Hamilton." In short, he indicates, he'd rather remain quietly in the background.

And indeed, in recent years Hamiltonians have become accustomed to mostly seeing him beam proudly as his wife Claire garnered the honors — and even his sons, he confesses, expressed surprise when they learned he was to be honored. But when he showed them everything that "had got hidden around the house," the scrolls and awards and plaques, the accumulation of many years of community service, they were "very happy . . . Hey," they told their father, "you really have done a lot of work."

Pressed for a little more information about himself, Mandel acknowledges that he has been pretty active all his life.

He has been a member, and past president, of Hamilton Lodge for almost 28 years and before that, of Viceroy Reading Lodge. He was a member of the Grand Order of Israel and is a past vice-president of the Hamilton JNF and a past division chairman of the Hamilton UJA, a past director of Adas Israel Synagogue and a former executive board member of the JCC.

And he is also a past chancellor-commander of the Knights of Pythians . . . "like the Knights of Columbus, only they're multi-national, multi-religious, multi-everything . . ." and has generously "dabbled a little bit in everything."

Currently he is telethon chairman for the 1984-85 Hamilton Bonds campaign.

But most of his efforts, says Mandel, have gone into B'nai B'rith. He holds the title of founding president of Southern Ontario Regional Council, B'nai B'rith, and he is a past member of the board of governors of District 22.

Actively involved in promoting Jewish education, he served as national chairman, Jewish education, and is a past International B'nai B'rith commissioner for adult Jewish education. And in addition to his Man of the Year award from Hamilton Lodge, he is also the recipient of seven service awards from national B'nai B'rith.

For relaxation Mandel plays golf and bowls and he is an avid newspaper reader and of books that "are mostly non-fiction." He also takes a keen interest in politics but is not a member of any party and describes himself as "average, run-of-the-mill, hard working and middle class."

With a few more years to go before he gets the old age pension, Mandel recently started over again in business with his wife as partner after his 25-year partnership with his brother Joseph in an auto parts business was dissolved when the latter decided to retire. "I'm too young and too active to retire and besides," chuckles Mandel, "I've still got a couple of boys at home to marry off!"

Of his four sons, only the second one, Martin, in business in Cincinnati, is married and the father of the Mandel's only grandchild, while the youngest, Neil, who has his own auto parts business in Hamilton, is about to be married next month.

Eldest son David is a musician and computer analyst in Toronto and Lennie, a politics graduate, has moved to Ottawa as legislative assistant to recently elected West Hamilton MP Peter Petersen.

Guest speaker at the breakfast will be Hy Kalus, artistic director and consultant to Mayor Teddy Kollek for the Jerusalem Theatre and chairman of the artistic management board of Israel's largest theatre, the Cameri.

Move to community-oriented primary care

Medical practice seen as changing

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

With health care systems continually changing, Dr. Sidney Kark, a prominent Israeli figure in the field of community-oriented primary health care, says that the nature of medical practice will change as the community primary care field grows.

"This is the next big phase in medicine," Kark told The CJN following a recent meeting of personnel from Ontario health centres at York Community Services.

"The biggest change will be towards community-oriented primary care, instead of primary care alone," Kark said.

Kark is the former chairman and professor in the school of public health and community medicine of the Hebrew University — Hadassah Medical School of Jerusalem.

A native of South Africa, both Kark and his wife, Dr. Emily Kark, were responsible for the development of community health programs in rural communities in that country. After making aliya 30 years ago, they continued their work in Israel.

The Karks' visit to Ontario came about as the result of a visit to Israel by Dr. William Seidelman, assistant professor at McMaster University in Hamilton. During Seidelman's sabbatical, he met with the Karks and discussed community based primary care in Ontario and invited the doctors to view McMaster's medical programs.

According to Mark McGuire, executive director of the Association of Ontario Health Centres, the Karks were invited to attend the informal meeting to discuss how health care centres can go further in implementing the Karks' concept of health care.

Community-oriented primary care centres began in Ontario in 1963, when the province began them on an experimental basis. While they grew in the 1970s, it was not until October of 1982 when then health minister, Larry Grossman, announced that funding would be ongoing.

McGuire explained that provincial health centres consist of community health centres, which receive a budget from the ministry, and health service organizations, which are funded on a per client basis. The centres are open to the public and are staffed by members of the medical, social services and legal professions.

Dr. Sidney Kark said that as well as providing curative services, community-oriented primary care concentrates on preventive and promotive services. Through community services, such as immunization programs, he said the patient is treated in the context of the community as a whole.

While some at the meeting were unsure of what exactly constituted a community, McGuire said most centres see a certain geographic area around them as their territory. Some also see it as a list of patients, he said.

Kark said the centres should have a sense of responsibility to a certain area and that while a centre could not see everyone within its area, it could provide a continuity of care to those it did serve.

Following a discussion, in which the centres explained the extent they have been able to implement community-oriented health care ideas, Kark stated that there were still "tremendous gaps" between approaches taken by the centres.

He said that programs had to be defined carefully so that centres worked together instead of individually.

McGuire said he was "quite pleased" by the outcome of the meeting. He predicted that discussions between centres would continue in the next year.

Not a crime, commission says

Libel law called archaic

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Law Reform Commission of Canada has recommended removing the offence of defamatory libel from the Criminal Code.

In a working paper released recently, the commission stated "we do not feel that a crime of defamation could make a substantial contribution in dealing with the problem of defamatory publications in our society."

In remarking on the report, Justice Allen Linden, president of the commission, termed the offence an "archaic law" which creates "an unhealthy, unwarranted chill on journalistic and artistic expression."

The law as it now stands makes it an offence to publish material that is likely to injure the reputation of any person by exposing him to hatred, contempt, ridicule or insult.

"Surely," Linden said, "Canadians today are better off defending their honor in more civilized ways — in civil actions whereby they can recover money compensation and can benefit from other civil judicial remedies such as injunctions."

At the provincial level, former MPP Patrick Lawlor authored a report that examined amending civil law to provide recourse to groups which are defamed by hate literature (CJN April 5).

Roland Lafrance, press liaison for the Law Reform Commission, told The CJN the criminal defamation law dealt with in the report refers to attacks on individuals, not groups.

He said the Law Reform Commission is currently also studying the question of hate propaganda and literature as it affects groups. (That offence is covered by another section of the Criminal Code, the one used to prosecute former Alberta schoolteacher Jim Keegstra).

"We are accumulating data and information on it now," he said. "The report probably won't be ready for another six to nine months," he added.

Echoing remarks advanced by civil liberties advocate Alan Borovoy in a debate on hate literature laws recently (CJN Oct. 4), Linden stated "the freedom of expression of Canadians is far too precious to be left exposed to the threat of prosecution under a criminal law which is outmoded, unnecessary and loaded with defects."

On release of the working paper, Francois Handfield, a commission research coordinator, said jail terms for "excessive language is an inappropriate application of the criminal law, which should be confined to wrongful acts which seriously threaten and infringe fundamental social values."

The Law Reform Commission was established in 1971 to help modernize Canada's federal laws and make them more effective and relevant. It is now in the process of drafting a new Criminal Code.

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Looking feminine's in with androgynous fashions

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The major fashion trend this fall has been the androgynous look, which is, of course, a fusion of masculine and feminine.

What makes the Lipton's look in coats and jackets different is that it stresses the feminine aspect of the androgynous.

"Feminine but nonfrilly for the career woman on the go," is how it's summed up by Faye Ferguson.

The epitome herself of the smartly-dressed lady executive, she's the coordinator conducting a series of fashion clinics this month for Lipton's stores for fashion-aware working women. (The next free clinic-cum-fashion show will be held Oct. 17 at Lipton's at 50 Bloor St. W., phone 251-3121.)

"Even with oversized jackets with exaggerated shoulders, we highlight a long, sophisticated look, with an off-white blouse to soften its masculinity," says Ferguson.

Born in Moose Jaw, Sask., which is hardly a style metropolis for the chic, she acquired her fashion savvy in Chicago. Six years ago, she began working for the chain of 18 Lipton's and Heritage House stores across Canada founded by Marvin and Evelyn Lipton of Toronto 32 years ago.

Ferguson is focusing the fashion clinics on the wardrobe coordination needs of business women who have no time to go home after 5 p.m. to change into evening wear. To attain more intimacy, she is trying to limit attendance to 15 women per clinic.

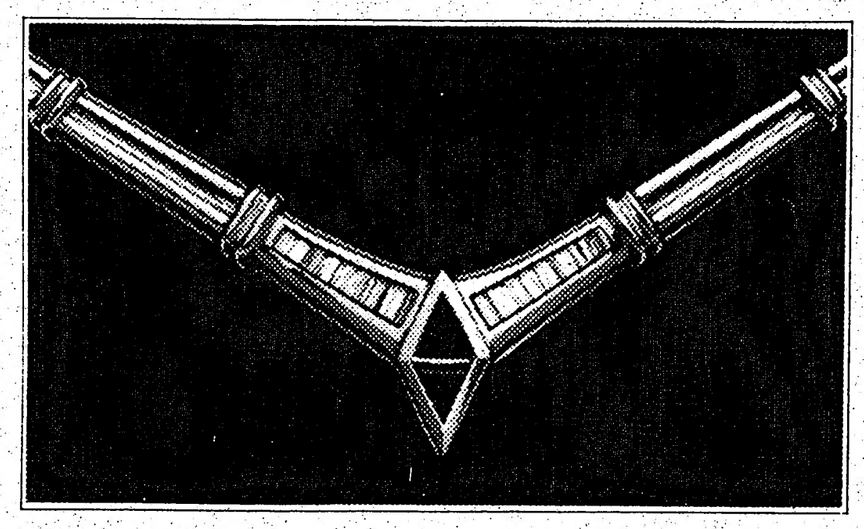
"If you have been at all confused about skirt lengths, new color trends, or the absolutely perfect accessories, we'll be available to answer your questions," she says. "Liquid refreshments and coffee are served. And while you sit relaxed, the models will be close enough so that you can reach over and touch the fabrics."

Wool jackets at Lipton's, designed by Alfred Sung for the working woman, sell for $110 up. Dresses by Toronto designer Susie Hayward begin at $165. Separates sell for $110 up, with designs by Louis Giroux of Montreal and Tom D'Auria of Toronto.

"Fashion ought to be used in a manner that impresses but doesn't overwhelm," says Ferguson, when asked to express her fashion philosophy.

"No professional wants to be remembered only for a smashing outfit. A wardrobe should complement your personality. It should reflect a career woman's sense of wellbeing, confidence and pride in her accomplishments."

A business woman's wardrobe should be used to impress but not overwhelm, says Lipton's fashion clinic counselor Faye Ferguson.



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"Customers' eyes sparkle"

Jewelry from Act II designed to flatter

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Let's assume you're a zoftig woman and you say to Sol Unger, "I'd like to buy a necklace that helps me look less plump."

"Of course, madame," says Unger, owner of Act II, the wholesale and retail jewelry emporium at 1111A Finch Ave. W., near Dufferin (663-9610).

First, he'll show you various strands of dark-colored beads to choose from — a selection of purplish amethysts, scarlet garnets, greenish-black malacites, glittering tiger eyes, and multi-hued tourmalines.

After you've selected the shade of semi-precious stone that most pleases your taste, Unger will summon one of his three designers.

Not only will they custom design a necklace for your individual needs, they'll also suggest how you should wear the beads with certain fashions that will be most becoming for your figure.

"I can't help her shed the poundage, but I sure can give her personalized service," says Unger, 45, a courtly Toronto-born jeweler who used to be in the sales promotion field before he opened Act II 10 years ago.

He chose that name on a whim, but there's nothing whimsical about the personalized service he gives to his customers, of whom 75% are Jewish.

He's known for his fine custom-designed rings.

For a deli operator, Act II created a $2,000 ring flashing a gold pastrami sandwich — white gold for the rye bread, pink gold for the meat, yellow gold for the mustardy rim.

For a lover of hippopotami, he designed a $1,500 ring bearing the head of a 14-karat gold hippo.

For a band leader, the $1,000 ring was ornamented with a treble cleff musical note of 14-karat gold.

For the lady who owns a recent Queen's Plate winner, he produced a $3,000 14-karat gold pendant in the shape of a 3-dimensional horse.

There were no chickens on the three dozen 10-karat gold rings he designed as "master merchant" awards for Church's Fried Chickens, but each $400 ring contained the company insignia against an onyx decorative background.

Unger says he likes to see the eyes of his customers sparkle, as he shows them his array of precious merchandise, ranging from a $40 strand of freshwater pearls to a $5,000 choker of gold.

What's the most valuable item in his store? In money terms, it's a $45,000 bracelet consisting of platinum and 13.50 carats of diamonds.

In personal terms, it's his 17-year-old daughter, Marla, who modeled his strands of multicolored beads for a CJN photo.

"Marla works for the Bookings Model Agency, so I didn't get the picture free," said Unger. "But isn't Marla a pretty thing? She's as pretty as one of our Act II pearls — and that's the highest praise I can think of."

Marla Unger strands colored beads displayed at Act II.

Guy Laroche flies with Wings

TORONTO —

Hy Balsky, president of Wings Neckwear, announced recently that his Martin Ross Ave. factory in Downsview, has been appointed the Canadian licensee to manufacture the new collection of neckwear by designer Guy Laroche of Paris.

Selling at $20 to $30, the new line will be added to Balsky's roster of labels now including Countess Mara and Valente.

Although the line is essentially targeted for specialty men's clothing stores, Balsky, believes it will also be popular among women for accessorizing the fashionable menswear look.

Reinterpretations of classic colors have been produced in more fashion-oriented combinations, such as navy and rose as opposed to navy and red, or charcoal and mustard instead of the customary charcoal and ivory.

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This is fortunate, as understatement calls for classic designs that rarely go out of style and hence, do not require extensive and expensive renovations from season to season.

A judicious selection and a nodding acquaintance with color composition will give any man a thoroughly versatile wardrobe capable of quietly enduring the vagaries of high fashion.

The following are the recommended fundamentals for a men's wardrobe.

BASICALLY BUSINESS

• Four 3-piece suits in navy blue, gray, dark brown and camel. An optional extra would be a navy or charcoal pin-stripe, although bear in mind that this is considered incorrect dress after 5 p.m.

• Several 100% cotton or cotton blend dress shirts, ranging in color from white and off-white to pale blue, cream and pearl gray. Pin, chalk or shadow stripes may be included.

• Several Italian silk ties in a variety of colors. Motifs should remain traditional: regimental stripes, paisley and medallion designs.

• An assortment of accessories, including harmonizing silk pocket puffs; black, brown and gray leather belts; socks, elasticized to the knee — in brown, black and navy; shoes, black and brown — dress loafers and lace-ups.

• One wool, wool blend or cashmere overcoat in navy blue or black.

• One waterproof trenchcoat in classic "Bogie" beige.

CASUAL COLLECTION

One navy double-breasted wool blazer with traditional embossed brass or plain bone buttons. The blazer is a garment for all seasons and can be dressed up or down by simply adding gray flannels and a silk tie or trousers and an open-necked shirt.

• A couple of sports jackets — one in brown tweed, the other in a subdued Prince of Wales or houndstooth check.

• For winter wear, a few pairs of wool, flannel or lightweight tweed slacks are a must. Colors should be coordinated with a sports jacket selection — gray, beige, camel, black, navy and tan are all good choices.

• If a man is the real outdoor type, a pair or two of corduroys should be thrown in for good measure — fawn, beige, brown, gray, black or navy complement most ensembles.

• For anytime, a pair of well-cut, well-pressed jeans have become a necessity. Just for fun, a pair of soft leather trousers or roomy rugger pants are popular alternatives.

• For winter, a couple of good cotton or flannel plaid sports shirts, in colors that co-ordinate with selected sweaters and sports jackets.

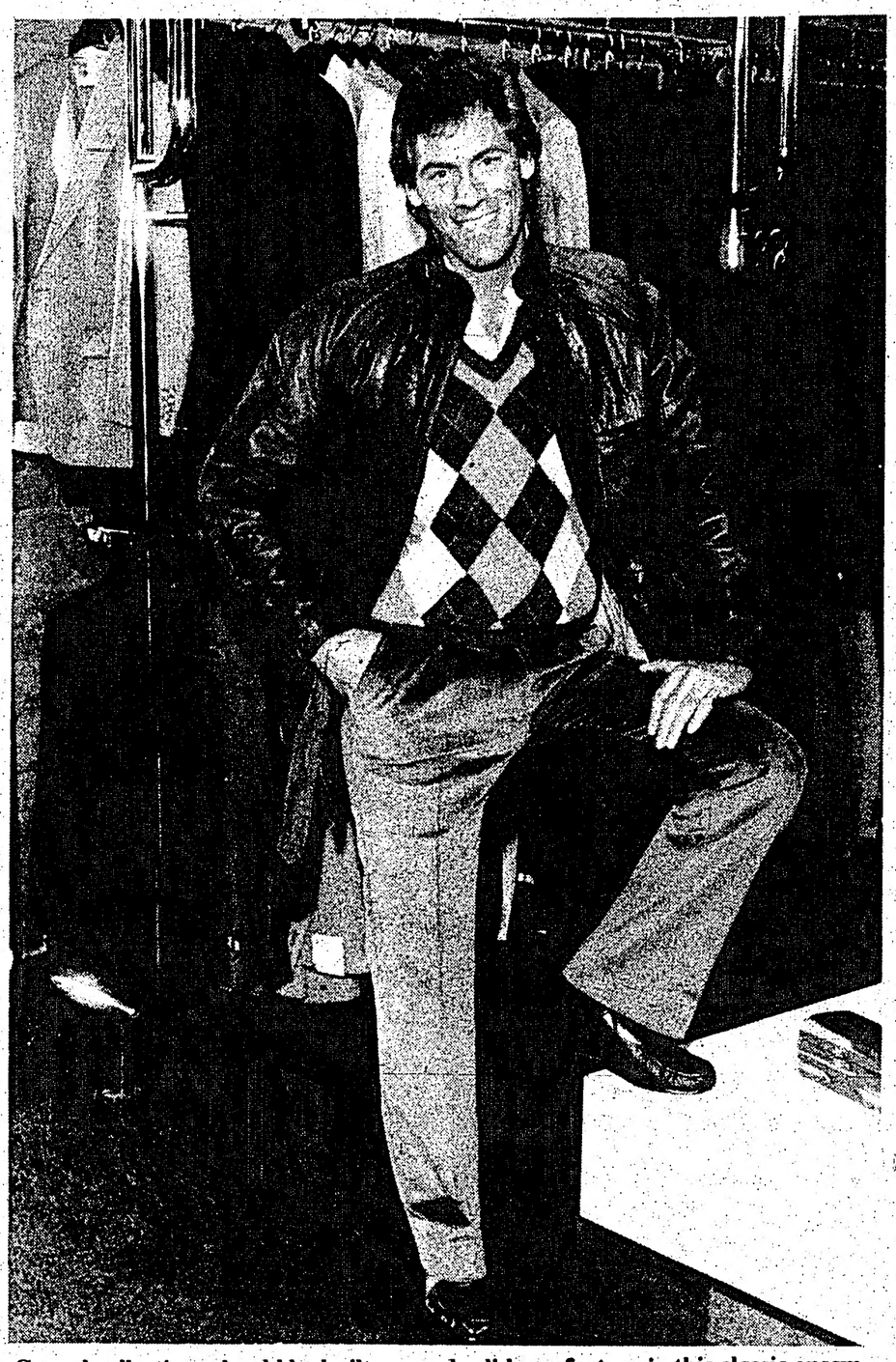
• An assortment of sweaters in colors and patterns that complement all other casual wear. Sweaters are perhaps today's trendiest, yet most enduring, fashion item — being worn more and more in place of, or in addition to, traditional outerwear.

Sleeveless sweater vests in diamond or windowpane check, solid or argyle combinations go well with sports jackets, particularly those in tweed.

And pullovers and V-necks in certain cases can even substitute for a sports jacket.

In cold weather, cardigans and bulky cowl-necks can be worn with or without a covering leather jacket. Lambswool and cashmere sweaters are vital to a winter wardrobe.

• Dress and trench coats can usually be worn over casual clothing, however alternatives include a tweed or leather coat in a wrapped, single or double-breasted cut, and a leather, suede or cotton bomber jacket with removable winter lining.



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Smart set seeks seductiveness, poetic whiteness of crafted silver

TORONTO —

When most people are considering giving a gift designed from a precious metal, they tend to think automatically of gold.

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"My customers agree with me that gold is too flashy and showoffy for their taste," says the genial Hong Kong-born architect turned silver designer. "For elegant subtlety, you can't beat the poetic whiteness of silver.

"Glitzy gold is as obvious and as ostentatious as a Christmas tree. But sophisticates appreciate the soft seductiveness of handcrafted silver."

Peter Wong

Wong is offering gift certificates to his customers, who are predominantly male and female executives and the fastidious smart set.

For men, silver cufflinks sell for $100, key rings $100 to $200, and neck chains $100 to $200.

For women, prices range from $200 to $1,200 for silver necklaces.

Wong, 45, practised architecture in London, and came to Canada for Expo 67. But he became disenchanted with that field when he moved to Toronto in 1975. He blesses the day when he turned to silver designing after helping a number of friends who were goldsmiths.

"In my new career, I think of myself as an artist providing people with happiness therapy," he says. "A client can try on a pair of silver earrings I've designed and immediately their eyes light up with joy and they look and feel better.

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For the adventuresome, there's a gray heather or gray and taupe assymetric jacket with wide sleeves and a collar which is worn high and closed, or open and to one side, with a cowl neck sweater in grape, gray or taupe.

Highlighting the line is a long white wool cardigan sweater with patch pockets and vertical and horizontal detail. Perfect over pants, it is sophisticated and comfortable with a soft pleated wool garbardine skirt in taupe or deep blue to complement a Tattersall tick camel pleated skirt.

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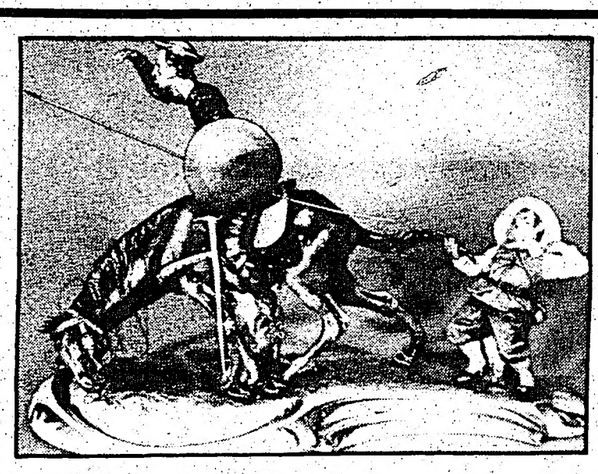
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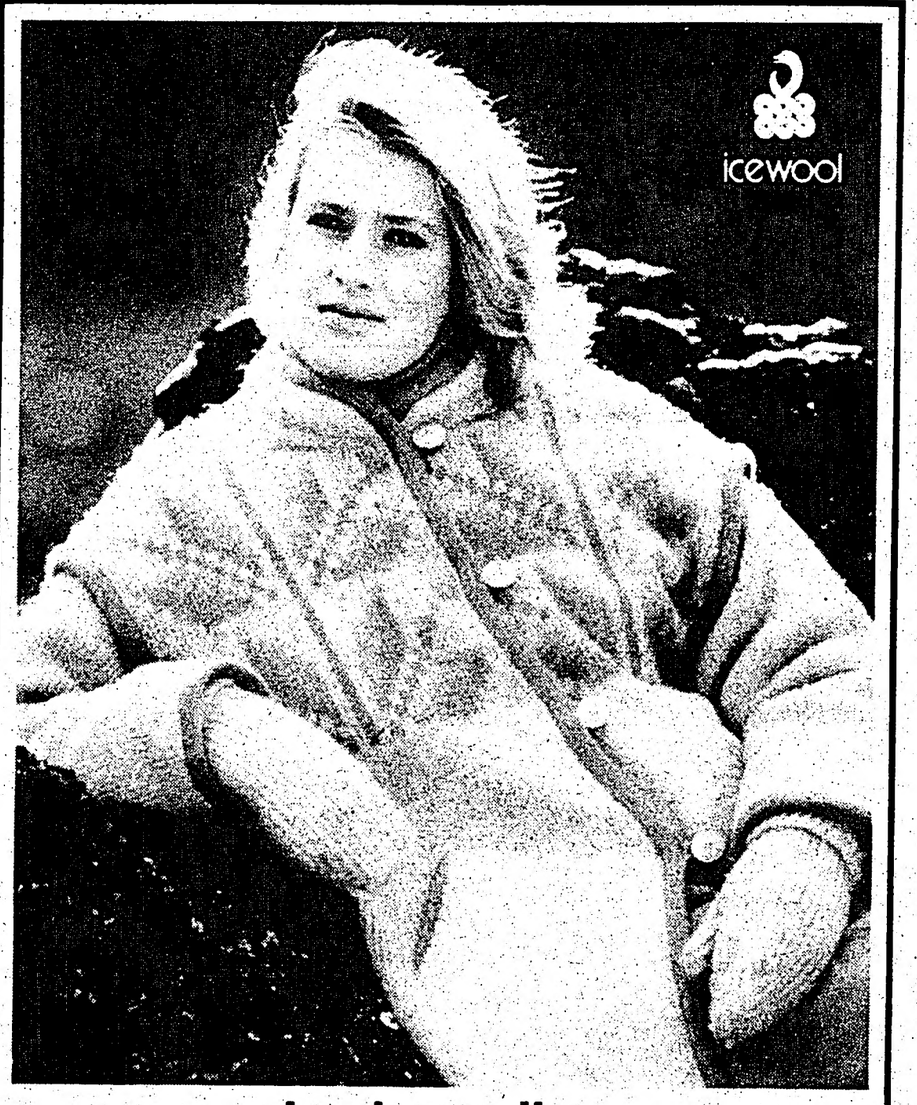

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Kipas come off for Colombo

Hairstylist to the Orthodox

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — John Colombo likes joking that, when it comes to hair, he gets more respect from his ultra-Orthodox Lubavitcher clients than any rabbi.

"I'm the only guy," he says, "who can get them to remove their yarmulkes in public."

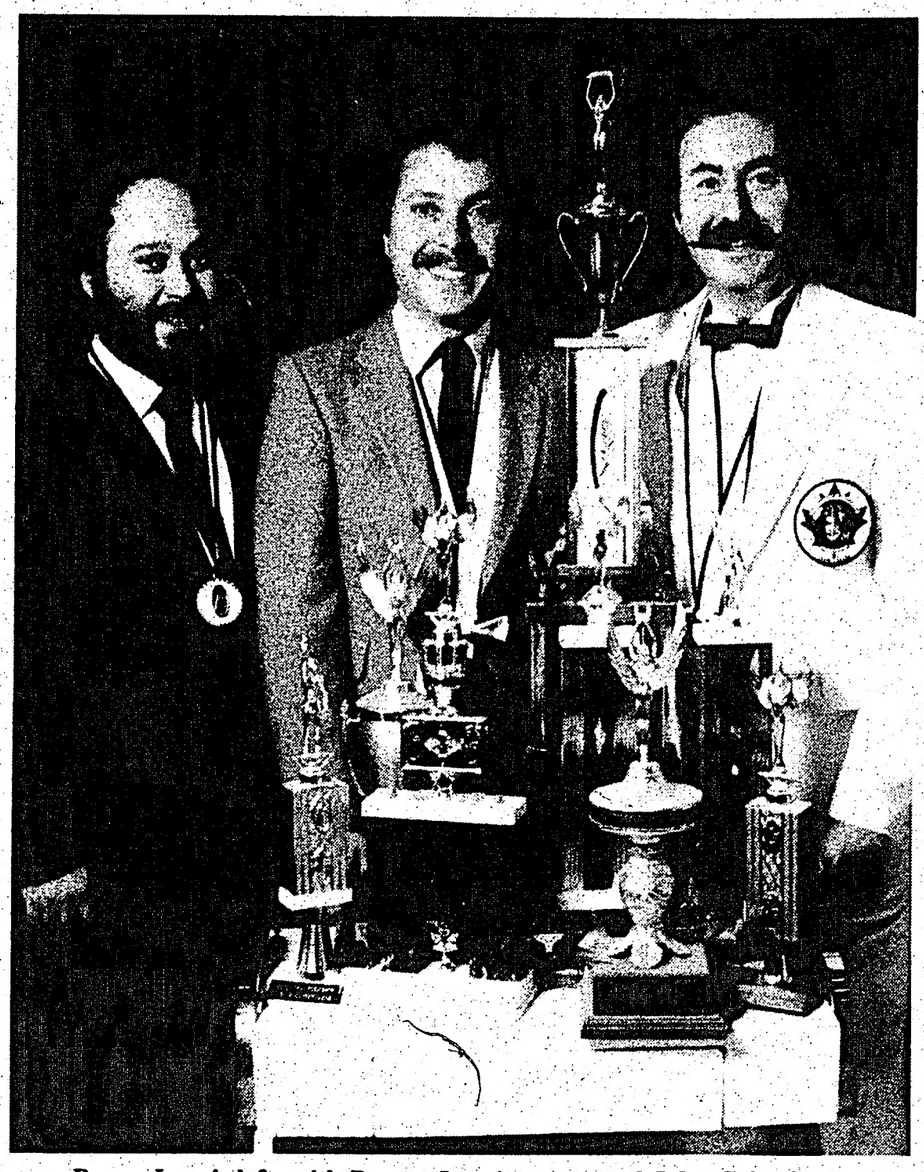
The reason for this deference is not religious, but sartorial. Colombo, you see, is their hair stylist.

He's one of the three co-owners of the Hairafter Hairstyling salons — one located at 644 Finch Ave. E. (221-6658) and the newest one recently opened in the Chabad Gate Plaza at 7241 Bathurst St. (731-4255).

Colombo and his two partners, Bruno and Renato Leoni — all of them non-Jewish, Italian-born hairstylers — are currently celebrating their 20th anniversary as hair-snippers and beard-trimmers for Toronto's Jewish community.

All three sport elegant mustachios, and all three have won awards as part of the Team Canada Hairstylists who have participated in international competitions. But Bruno Leoni is the only one of the trio who also brandishes a magnificent black beard.

"It enables him to swap notes about proper beard care in a very personal way with the Lubavitchers," says Colombo, "whenever he gives them a $5 whisker trim."



Bruno Leoni, left, with Renato Leoni, centre and John Colombo.

Colombo's staff of 32 in both salons provide courtly service for both men and women, more than 90% of them Jewish.

Haircuts are $14 to $20 for men, $22 to $34 for women; perms $35 and up; tints $20; highlight streaking $35 and up.

As a frequent guest invited to customers' bar mitzvahs and weddings, Colombo is used to wearing a yarmulke. And he loves the conversational exchange in Italian and Jewish.

"They say 'ciao' and I answer 'shalom,' " Colombo says. "But the nicest thing is when they thank me with an Italian 'grazie' for styling their hair so beautifully."

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TORONTO —

Consumers can save on jewelry without sacrificing quality, say the managers of the Manufacturers' Jewellery Showroom.

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Metter, who grew up in the jewelry business, is a member of the executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. In addition, he is an important fund raiser for the United Jewish Appeal (UJA).

His partner, Ian Rosmarin, is also active in the Jewish community. Rosmarin is past chairman of the Young Executive Division of the UJA and is currently chairman of the Jewish Student Federation.

Some gift suggestions to celebrate the holiday include 14- or 18-karat gold earrings, which start at $20. Three-color gold bracelets are available in the $200 range.

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Sandra Gibson, left and designer Anna Spencer with the Molly Bloom line of no-frill fragrances.

Fragrance dispenser uses Joyce's works for boutique

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Molly Bloom hopes that when you're buying your loved one a gift of perfume you'll consider doing it via a Molly Bloom Perfume gift certificate and think of Molly Bloom's famous sexy monologue in James Joyce's Ulysses that ends, "Yes! Yes! Yes!"

The real-life fragrance dispenser who owns the Molly Bloom Perfume boutique at 106 Yorkville Ave. (968-7412) is actually named Sandra Gibson.

She's a black-haired beauty in her 40s who happens to be of Irish descent rather than Jewish. But while studying English literature at Vancouver's University of British Columbia, she was entranced by Joyce's amorous Jewish heroine who loved flowers and perfume.

So that's the name she gave to the generic fragrance boutique she opened last November in collaboration with investor-designer Anna Spencer, who designed the logo and created the store's charming environment in yellow and coral pink, with a petal-shaped sample table.

Generic means it sells no-frill, no-brand scents at bargain-basement prices less than one-third of what you'd pay for the major brands.

But Gibson insists her line consists of the same high-quality oils shipped from France mixed with alcohol in the same 25% oil-75% alcohol proportions used by the brand name perfume makers. She further claims that her line smells the same and lasts as long as the top fragrances.

How does she do it?

"We eliminate all the fancy packaging and high-pressure promotion," she says.

Gibson, a former real estate broker, also sells five fragrances for men, colognes at $9.95 per ½ ounce, empty French crystal bottles to hold ½ ounce at $10, plus a selection of fine antique bottles imported from Europe at $30 to $200.

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Just For You

Guest clergy can be included

Shul's rabbi must perform wedding ceremony

By
MYRA FELDMAN
& EVELYN HOFFMAN

Q. Is it necessary to have the rabbi of the synagogue where the wedding is taking place perform the ceremony when we have a close relative who is a rabbi and we would prefer that he perform the marriage service?

A. We called several synagogues in the Toronto area and found that each has the same policy. The rabbi of the synagogue where the ceremony is taking place must be there to officiate.

However, if the bride and groom have their own rabbi they wish to honor, they should get in touch with the host rabbi prior to the date of the wedding so arrangements can be made to include the guest rabbi at the ceremony. This also applies to the cantor of the synagogue.

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Q. I am a baal teshuvah — that is, my parents are not observant — but I have become an observant Jew. I am engaged to a girl from a similar background. She, too, comes from non-observant parents.

My problem is this: My bride's parents live in a small town and insist on making the wedding there, where all their family and friends are. We would like to have the wedding in Toronto and invite our new circle of friends and rabbis who are now part of our social and religious life.

There would be no question about kashrut. They would make the wedding really lively, with dancing, merriment and song that would look out of place in a small, basically non-religious community that has never been exposed to a really Orthodox wedding. We are also opposed to mixed dancing. I would appreciate your advice.

Q. There is no reason why all of you cannot rejoice and have the kind of wedding you want where your bride's parents live.

Kashrut is not a problem. The food can be brought in by a kosher caterer. He will see that the proper authorities will prepare the kitchen to meet kosher standards. Have your new friends and rabbis bussed in for the wedding. Renting a bus is both economical and fun.

Hire an orchestra that plays chassidic and joyful music. It will set the pace and the music will not lend itself to mixed dancing.

All the guests will be amazed to discover how genuinely delightful it is to be caught up in the spirit which accompanies such lively music.

We know many non-Orthodox Jews who thoroughly enjoy the atmosphere created at an Orthodox wedding, such as lifting of bride and groom on chairs and friends who perform for the bride and groom as did court jesters at the royal palaces long ago.

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Q. My parents were divorced when I was very young. My mother remarried shortly after, and my stepfather raised my sister and myself; and he is the only father we have known. I know where my real father lives, but we have had little or no contact with him over the years. Should I invite him to my wedding? My mother would rather I didn't.

A. We suggest you give your father the honor due him and invite him. If, as you say, he has made no real effort to keep in touch over the years, he may feel very uncomfortable being there. Your problem may solve itself.

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Q. Is it correct, when you are writing the invitation envelopes to use the words "and family"?

A. Etiquette dictates that adult sons and daughters should receive separate invitations.

For small children, address the outside envelope to their parents, and write the children's first names on the inner envelope under the parent's name.

By the way, no abbreviations should be used, except Mr., Mrs. and Dr.

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Editor's Note: Evelyn Hoffman and Myra Feldman prepare this column especially for The CJN's Just For You supplement.

They are experienced wedding consultants and coordinators who operate in partnership The Personal Wedding Touch, a personalized Toronto service which specializes in Jewish weddings.

Readers wishing to have questions answered are invited to write them care of The Canadian Jewish News; or call Myra at (416) 781-2526 or Evelyn at (416) 638-2803.

Chamber concerts begin

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
The Toronto Symphony is having a happy hour.

To be more exact, it's a happy half hour. And instead of an after-work Martini (Giovanni Batista, 18th century Italian composer and teacher), you can have an after-work De Falla, Dvorak, or Bach.

And all for less than the price of a cocktail — only $3.

Beginning this week, the Toronto Symphony starts its third season of Du Maurier Evening Overtures, chamber concerts at Roy Thomson Hall from 6.50 to 7.20 p.m., preceding regular concerts.

These musical aperitifs offer music lovers an opportunity to hear chamber music performed by TSO musicians. Maestro Andrew Davis, whose career began on the keyboard, appears as harpsichordist on Oct. 17, 18, and 20 in the Del Falla harpsichord concerto.

There are no reserved seats for the series of six concerts, but tickets may be ordered in advance.

For further information, contact the Toronto Symphony ticket centre, 146 Front St. W., Suite 460, Toronto M5J 2L7, (416-598-3375).

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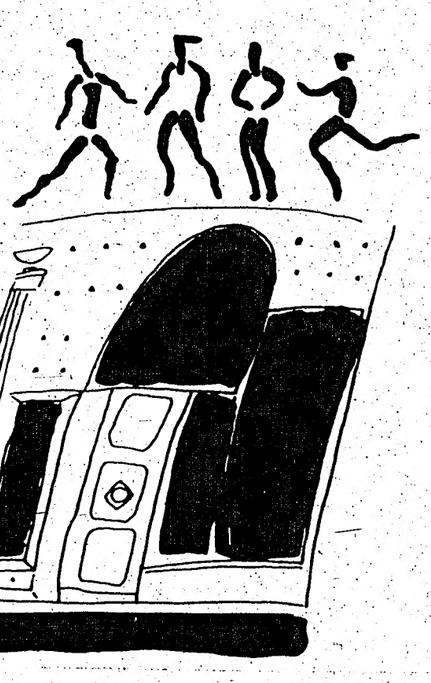

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Arts

Prints from Ein Hod

Artist has fond memories of Israel

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

Chuppa, a serigraph produced at Ein Hod in Israel, is a nostalgic recollection of a shtetl wedding scene by Russian emigre Benzion Magal.

TORONTO —
After living for nearly 20 years in Israel, Montreal-born Cherna Ben-Eliahu has returned to Canada, bringing with her an absorbing collection of original oils by Yevgeny Abeshaus and limited edition prints by other Israelis from the artists' village of Ein Hod, in the Carmel mountains 20 kms. south of Haifa.

Ben-Eliahu, who was curator of the Ein Hod Gallery from 1974 to 1984, is currently living in Toronto, but she continues to maintain a home in the village and has two daughters in the Israeli army.

She wants everyone to know about Ein Hod; the words rush out as she describes the beauty of the location, and explains the ideal which brought so many creative people together.

Founded in 1950, it was formerly an Arab village, but its stone houses had stood vacant for six years. A group of 20 artists, led by Marcel Janco, cleared paths, cut down weeds and repaired houses to make the site habitable again. In time, roads were built, electricity and water brought in.

Here was a place where they could live and work in tranquility away from the cities.

Today, says Ben-Eliahu, there are close to 300 people, painters, sculptors, craftspersons, as well as writers, actors, architects, and their families, occupying 150 units in the village.

The community operates somewhat as a moshav, with individuals owning their homes and holding a 49-year lease on the land. Only members of the village (who must be voted in) are permitted to purchase the units.

The gallery is a cooperative. "It's a wonderful place, very unusual," says Ben-Eliahu, "retaining Moorish architectural details of earlier buildings in the area. Encompassing some 300 square metres on several levels, it is one of the largest in Israel, she asserts.

The first room, called The Bazaar, is devoted primarily to handicrafts. Featured in the second room are graphics, bronze and marble sculptures, plus portfolios of all 90 artists who have lived and worked in the village.

Original watercolors, pastels, collages — under glass — are in the third room, and the fourth room, or Main Hall, houses oils and acrylics on canvas, as well as some sculptures.

Many of Israel's best known artists are represented.

Among the visitors to Ein Hod have been Beverly Sills, Kirk Douglas, Frank Shuster, Ingrid Bergman, Bob Dylan, Shelley Winters, Leonard Cohen.

A new dimension was added to the village with the opening in 1983 of the Bet Janco Dada Museum, which is under the aegis of the Haifa Art Museum. A 2-floor marble structure dedicated to the Dadaist period, it is named for Marcel Janco, one of the founders of the movement, which surfaced in Europe during the early 1900s. Dadaism was "the start of anything out of the norm," says Ben-Eliahu — an exploitation of accidental and incongruous effects which challenged established canons of work.

This is the only museum in the world entirely devoted to Dadaism, she notes.

Having outlined the Ein Hod experience, Ben-Eliahu moves on with rapid-fire enthusiasm to talk about some of the 300 works which she has brought with her.

She points to a shtetl wedding scene, Chupa, by Russian emigre Benzion Magal, in which a bride and groom stand with the rabbi under a bright canopy, surrounded by family, guests and klezmerim with fiddle, horn and drum.

A whimsical serigraph by Abeshaus, one of a series based on the Book of Ecclesiastes, focuses on a fashionable female figure pumping a bellows from which hubbles of rainbow fragility emerge. The artist quotes from the Bible, "Vanity of vanities all is vanity," and calls this Luck Machine.

An intriguing work by the Israeli Druze, Ovadia Alkara, who divides his time between New York City and Ein Hod, has a mystical quality associated with the artist's background. His Oriental conception of Jerusalem presents considerable detail and intense color against silver paper. Crescents and dots in the deep blue sky project the Druze belief in reincarnation.

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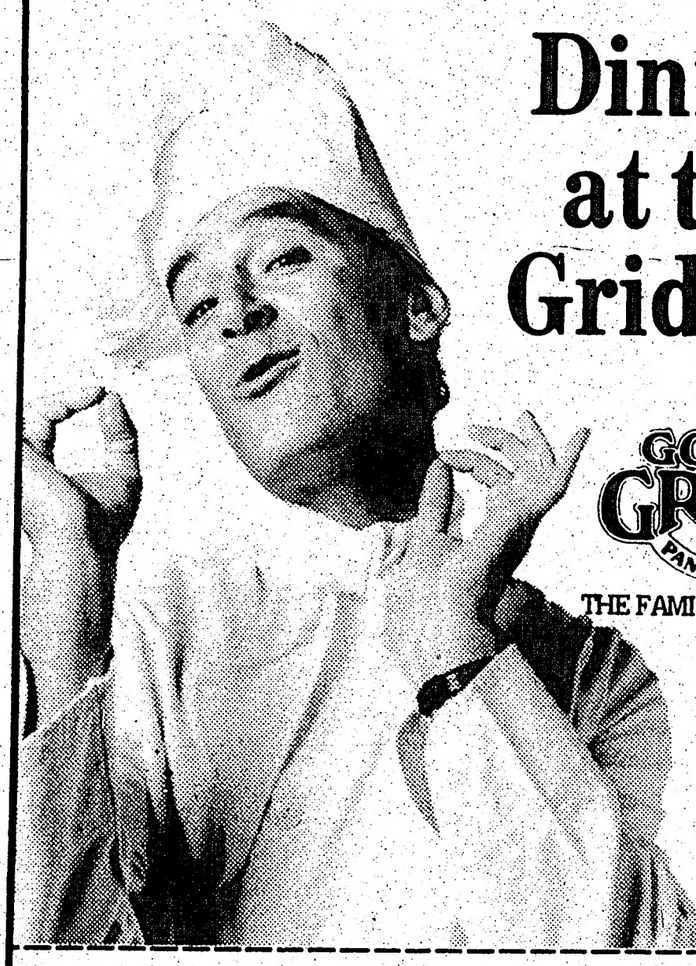
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Oxana Yablonskaya

Virtuoso pianist coming to town

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By
RICK KARDONNE

"Oxana Yablonskaya is the sort of pianist who accomplishes with ease and naturalness what others struggle for a lifetime to achieve. Through her Queen Elizabeth Hall recital last night this remarkable emigre Russian pianist's sonority was delicately or powerfully graded to reflect precisely her every musical nuance and feeling."

This glowing review from London's popular serious daily paper, The Daily Telegraph, best describes concert pianist, Soviet-Jewish emigre Yablonskaya, who will be presented in concert at Temple Sinai on Oct. 20 at 8 p.m.

Oxana Yablonskaya personifies the best qualities of the long line of legendary Russian pianists: powerhouse virtuosity, exquisite sensibility and deep emotional drive.

Before her flight to the West, her teachers in Moscow had been Anaida Sumbatyan, who also taught Ashkenazy, and Alexandre Goldwasser, the teacher of Lazar Berman.

After winning three international competitions, Yablonskaya played throughout the USSR and the Eastern bloc countries, but was never allowed to concertize in the West, even though she had the prestigious title of "Soloist of the Moscow Philharmonic." Since her emigration in 1977, Yablonskaya has taken her place among the world's major pianists, and since September 1983 has been a professor at New York's Juilliard School of Music.

For further information call 587-4161 or Mel Kurtz, 743-0686.

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Yiddish theatre and film star Mina Bern will perform with Cantor Louis Danto and violinist Eugene Kash to mark the 30th anniversary of the CJC Yiddish Culture Concert (dedicated to the memory of the late founder Harry Topper), at Beth Tzedec, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. For further information call 636-4542 or 665-3206.

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Romanian-born pianist Monica Gutman, now living in London, who has received rave notices in West Germany and who conducted advanced chamber music master classes at the International Musicians Seminar at Prussia Cove, Cornwall, in April 1983, performs at Holy Blossom Temple Oct. 21, 1984 at 8 p.m. The program features Beethoven's lilting Sonata #30 opus 109. All proceeds go towards sound equipment for the sanctuary. For further information call Geza Zelinger at 233-3630.

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Why was Gabriel Iranyi's Realm, the only Israeli-composed piece slated to be performed at the 1984 World Music Days convention being held this year in Toronto and Montreal, suddenly omitted from the Sept. 26 afternoon concert at Premiere Dance Theatre?

According to World Music Days Toronto organizer Lawrence Bennett, the score of the piece was lost in the American mail.

One must wonder, however, if a similar mishap prevented the performance of any of the other hundred-odd new compositions listed in the convention.

Argentinian-born, American-based composer Mario Davidowsky's Synchronisms #6 for Piano and Electronic Tape was one of the pieces performed in the concert in which the Iranyi work was to be heard. Despite sharp definitive piano chords and above-average electronic background, it suffered from the stop-start syndrome which afflicts far too much of today's new music.

Sue Ann Kahn's multi-flute rendition of Maurice Wright's Solos for Flutes and Electronic Sound was the highlight of the afternoon.

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4:00 p.m. - JOAN PETERS, author of *From Time Immemorial,* will speak on **The Roots of the Arab—Jewish Conflict Over Palestine.** Sponsored by The Canada—Israel Committee. $4.00.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. — Celebration Ontario. Free.

1:30 p.m. - MAURICE SOLWAY, author of *Recollections of a Violinist,* will speak on **A Celebration of the Cultural Arts in Canada.** Special film screening of **The Violin.** Sponsored by the Association of Jewish Seniors. Free.

7:00 p.m. - DR. SAUL LEVINE, author of *Radical Departures,* will speak on **Why We Are Losing Our Children to Radical Cults.** Sponsored by Jewish Family Life Program of Jewish Family and Child Services and Congregation Darchei Noam. Free.

8:30 p.m. - MORDECAI RICHLER will read selections from his new book **Home Sweet Home, My Canadian Album.** Sponsored by Pioneer Women Na'amat of Canada and Hebrew University Alumni of Canada. $4.00.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00 a.m. - SHARON DRACHE, author of *The Mikveh Man* will speak on **Literature and the Orthodox Tradition.** Sponsored by Emunah Women of Toronto and Ontario Chapter, Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Free.

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5:00 p.m. - Celebration Ontario. Free.

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8:30 p.m. - GEORGE JONAS, author of *Vengeance,* will speak on **The Vengeance Affair: The Media and the Truth.** Sponsored by Secular Jewish Association. $4.00.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00 a.m. - DAVID LEWIS STEIN, author of *The Golden Age Hotel,* will speak on **Can You Go Home Again? — Journeys of a Jewish Writer.** Sponsored by Temple Sinai Sisterhood. Free.

1:30 p.m. - FREDELLE BRUSER MAYNARD, author of *Raisins and Almonds,* will speak on **Is That Really How It Was? — From Experience to the Printed Page.** A Special Feature - Musical Excerpts from the forthcoming play based on *Raisins and Almonds,* presented by the Leah Posluns Theatre. Sponsored by B'nai Brith Women, Toronto Council. Free.

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7:00 p.m. - FRANCES HENRY, author of *Victims and Neighbors: A Small Town in Nazi Germany Remembered,* will speak on **Jewish—German Relationships Reconsidered.** Sponsored by Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Free.

8:30 p.m. - STEPHEN BIRMINGHAM, author of *The Rest of Us: The Rise of America's Eastern European Jews,* will speak on **From Russia to Riches and Poland to Polo.** Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto and Toronto Women's ORT. $4.00.

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Arts

Prayer was "the musical high point"

Choirleader's composition performed at Royal service

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Charles Heller, choir director at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, has very good reason to feel extremely proud of himself.

His musical composition for the Prayer for the Welfare of the Queen and Government, which was performed by Cantor Louis Danto at the service of Thanksgiving in celebration of Ontario's bicentennial and Toronto's sesquicentennial which was conducted in the presence of the Queen and Prince Philip at Maple Leaf Gardens Sept. 30, was the musical high point in a service which was a model of interracial and interfaith harmony through diversity.

The Hebrew text of this prayer is adapted from the standard prayer recited regularly in synagogues in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth. Apart from a simple version by the 19th century composer Monbach, Heller's composition, created especially for this occasion, is the only musical setting of this prayer.

The orchestration was performed by the Salvation Army Central Staff band, directed by Major Robert Redhead. This highly polished band, which has a string of recordings to its credit, added to the regal mood of the music.

But the most that this band, one of the best anywhere of its kind, could possibly do was to merely add to an already existing regal mood of triumph which was created by Heller.

The traditions most evident in Heller's composition are (1) a classical European-Sephardic-renaissance style, amplified by a romantic brass-fanfare spirit; (2) elements of Ashkenazic liturgical cantillations, but again on the upbeat rather than more familiar mournful quality, and, near the end, (3) traces of the chalutzic-folk hora.

The climax blended all these elements in a heroic mood of victory. All in all, it was music very fit for the Queen.

The other musical selections of the service included the English language version of Schiller's Ode to Joy which of course is the lyric of Beethoven's Ninth, Hyfrydol's God who Gives to Life its Goodness which followed Prince Philip's reading sections of Chapter 5 of the Book of Matthew, and Nun Danket's concluding hymn Now Thank We All Our God.

Two hymns by Healey Willan, Vaughan Williams-Kethe's All People that on Earth do Dwell, and several original peace songs sung by Salome Bey and The Relatives, were performed during the prelude to the service.

The entire tone of the affair was one of sincere dignity and interfaith harmony, with Moslem and Jewish segments (including Rabbi Jordan Pearlson's thoughtfully appropriate readings from the ethical writings of rabbi Elazar of 13th century Germany) back-to-back together with short prayers from outgoing United Church moderator Rev. W. Clarke MacDonald (who recited the English language translation of the Sh'ma Israel), Anglican Archbishop Lewis S. Garnsworthy (who delivered the homily), Emmett Cardinal Carter (who delivered the closing blessing) and several other representatives of Christian and Moslem denominations.

Interestingly and significantly, the prayer for the Queen was delivered by Black Baptist leader Sylvia Meade, and three other clergymen participated.

In short, everybody was made to feel important, and Charles Heller's musical contribution truly underscored the Jewish presence.

Lucy's former banker retains comedic flair

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's a mark of Gale Gordon's comedic talent that he's just as funny as Lou Jacobi in a Jewish role.

Like Jacobi, Gordon can take a so-so script just a notch above a TV sit-com scenario. Then by rolling his eyes heavenward, doing a slow burn, and exploding into blue wrath like a burst gas bag, he can draw gales of laughter.

And that's what Gordon is doing currently in Norman, Is That You?, the engaging comedy now playing at the Teller's Cage Dinner Theatre in the Commerce Court.

Jacobi, the Toronto-born comic actor, turned the lead role into a Jewish tour de farce when this lightweight play by New Yorkers Sam Bobrick and Ron Clark opened on Broadway a few years ago.

Now Gordon has worked his own WASPish magic on the part, and transformed what was formerly a tasty bagel, so to speak, into an equally flavorsome but different hot cross bun.

Gordon, of course, is the 78-year-old master of deadpan delivery of acerbic lines in TV comedy series. You may remember him as the pompous principal, Osgood Conkin, in Our Miss Brooks, and as Mr. Mooney, the stuffed-shirt banker opposite Lucille Ball, in The Lucy Show.

It's a pleasure to watch the veteran farceur draw upon his bag of tricks in Norman, Is That You?

Gale Gordon

He portrays a papa of the old-fashioned school, a cleaner and presser from Dayton, Ohio, named Ben whose wife for the past 30 years (played convincingly by his real-life wife, Virginia Gordon) has run off with his brother and business partner, Julius, on a romantic fling to Montreal.

His woes are compounded when he visits his bachelor son, Norman, in New York City hoping to find sympathy. Instead, he finds that Norman has "turned into a Tinker Bell" sharing his gaudily-decorated apartment with another gay bachelor fondly nicknamed GarGar.

Papa moves in and the apartment soon becomes a rather mixed-up menage a trois. Most of the humor is based on the conflict between the befuddled straight father and the two bent sophisticates.

The biggest laughs are produced, however, in a hilarious scene when Gordon phones the Claire De Lune Motel in Montreal. He uses his rudimentary French ("Parlez vous Americain?") with the motel manager, Pierre, to track down the whereabouts of his "middle-aged love goddess of a wife gone wrong."

It's an amusing, featherweight comedy, worth attending just to hear Gordon bellow in outrage to his penitent wife who returns to him, "Aha! So how did you like your Klondike honeymoon?"

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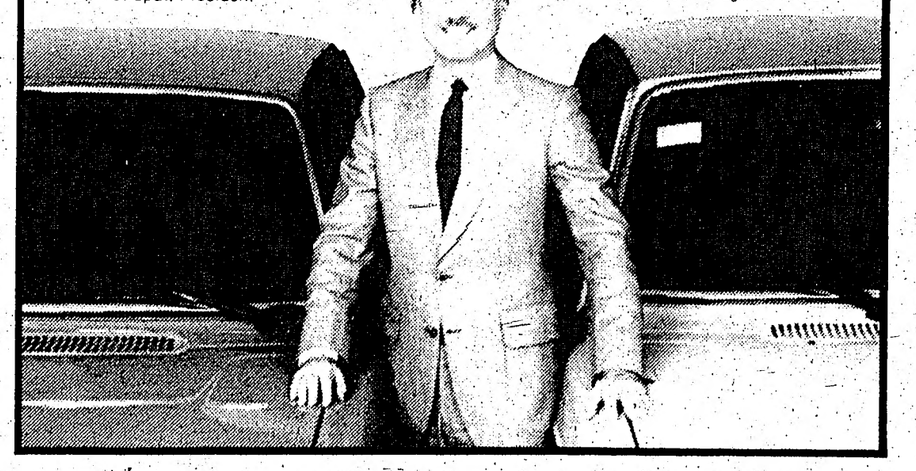

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Forged anti-Israel letter received at CJN

Playwright Rick Salutin subject of smear campaign

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO --
Rick Salutin's face dropped and the light went out of his eyes when he read the hand-written note.

A playwright and journalist, Salutin was downcast, if not actually depressed,by the latest forgery that has plagued his life for the past few months.

The note I had just handed him read: "I am one of the new Jews... who attack Judaism and Israel when I see fit, in Arab and non-Jewish publications, as well as Jewish ones."

Signed "R. Salutin," it had been sent to The Canadian Jewish News a few days earlier.

It was a cheap forgery, representing yet another attempt to smear Salutin, a 42-year-old Torontonian who has been critical of Israeli policies, particularly in Lebanon.

During the summer, Salutin was shocked to learn that two European magazines had run vitriolic anti-Israel letters signed in his name.

The periodicals, both of which are pro-Arab,were The Middle East and Afric Asia.

The letters described Israel's invasion of Lebanon as "one of the most barbaric wars in history,"termed the Sabra and Shatila massacre as "the pogrom of the century,"characterized the Six Day War as "this shameful war," and compared Israel's siege of Beirut with the Nazi destruction of the Warsaw ghetto.

In a word, Salutin was appalled.

Someone, somewhere, was out to defame him and belittle his true views on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

To be sure, he had enemies.

In the summer of 1982, while the Israeli army besieged the PLO in West Beirut, Salutin wrote a piece for Maclean's which outraged an indeterminate number of Jewish readers.

Castigating Israel's "blitzkrieg tactics,"Salutin went on to excoriate the then-prime minister, Menachem Begin, for having used the Holocaust to justify the Israeli incursion

Voicing support for the concept of Palestinian self-determination,which more than a few Israelis and Diaspora Jews back,Salutin declared:

"Israel's right to exist does not include the right to deny or destroy the right to exist of another people..."

The fuss engendered by his Maclean's article died down after a while.But last summer, Salutin was again embroiled in controversy when The Middle East and Afric Asia printed the forged letters.

Although the magazines issued apologies,Salutin's ordeal was not over.

He had to deal with a spate of angry callers -- Jews who were incensed by his alleged views, and Arabs who were bitterly disappointed by his actual opinions.

Salutin was further distraught by the subsequent forgery campaign, of which the letter to The Canadian Jewish News was but one example.

"I have no idea who's behind it all," said Salutin, whose book, Marginal Notes(Lester & Orpen Dennys), was recently published.

Rick Salutin

He can, however, speculate.The culprits may have been Arabs who wanted to make him into an apostle of the extreme Arab line, or Jews who sought to discredit the espousal of unconventional policies.

A graduate of Brandeis University and a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Salutin claims that it is difficult to carry on civilized discourse on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

As he put it in his latest book, a collection of essays and articles culled from his work as a journalist:

"The subject of Israel is normally treated with emotionalism. Facts are frequently absent or are simply invented. Positions are justified with emotional and vocal intensity rather than arguments. In such an atmosphere it is difficult to deal seriously with basic questions."

Essentially, Salutin believes that both Jews and Palestinians are entitled to exercise sovereignty.He thinks that the PLO must be involved in any meaningful peace negotiations. He does not treat with any seriousness suggestions that Israel must be replaced by a secular state in Palestine.

It is his contention that Israel must withdraw from the occupied territories, and that the occupation has not yielded any long-range benefits to Israel.

Salutin, who lived in Israel for one year prior to 1967,said his views have not been affected by the forgeries.

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Born in Toronto to middle-class parents, Salutin was a religious Jew as a youth.

Emil Fackenheim, the University of Toronto philosopher,exerted a formative influence on Salutin,teaching him there was more to life than smug materialism.

After Brandeis, he moved to New York City, completing a Columbia University MA in religion.While pursuing his post-graduate degree, he attended the Jewish Theological Seminary, the rabbinical school of Conservative Judaism.

When he looks back at those years, Salutin claims he wanted to become an academic, not a rabbi. He was, in any event, disillusioned by his seminary experience.

"There was virtually no concern expressed by faculty or students to the Vietnam war," he recalled."And it was not a humanly-caring environment."

Salutin's eventual transformation from believer to Marxist was also facilitated by the gratuitous violence police employed to break up law-abiding demonstrations. Salutin thinks of his Marxism as a "pertinent tool" for analysing society. He has never been a member of any political organization, but he has engaged in union work, having worked for the Confederation of Canadian Unions.

Like many Marxists, Salutin has a low regard for the Soviet Union and for the so-called socialism practiced by Third World nations.

Salutin, who has charted the Jewish community's development from working class to middle class status,has written some 10 plays, including the highly-acclaimed Les Canadiens.

S, Portrait of a Spy., his latest, is scheduled to be performed at the Toronto Workshop Theatre from Oct. 8.

His 90-minute TV drama, Grierson and Guzenko, will be shot next month.

Salutin considers himself fortunate that, in his life, he has been able to integrate his artistic and political concerns with his day-to-day activities.

As a wordsmith, he hasn't fared badly. He has just bought a car and, recently, he paid off his mortgage.

Despite the anti-defamation campaign which has concerned him of late,life could be worse.

Sculpture honors Holocaust dead

NEW YORK (JTA) —
"The Last March 1939-1945," a dramatic wall sculpture that commemorates the millions who died in the Holocaust, was dedicated at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in ceremonies here last week. More than 500 Jewish leaders and government officials attended.

The seminary also announced the establishment of an Institute for the Study of European Jewry to examine the impact of the Holocaust on second generation survivors and the contemporary Jewish world.

Gerson Cohen, the seminary's chancellor, said the institute, which will be housed in the seminary, is being established to focus the same attention on recent Jewish history that Jews have traditionally devoted to the more distant past such as the biblical, rabbinic and medieval periods.

"It is not enough to mourn the dead," Cohen said. "Nor is nostalgia for what was destroyed of real help. Remembering involves digesting the experience so that it becomes part of the personal history of each of us, and of the collective memory of the society."

He pointed out that "we must begin to investigate the factors in 19th century Jewish culture that made it a target for the Nazis and their colleagues. Was it their dignity and self-respect, the cultural richness of music, art and literature that they surrounded themselves with, or their relentless search for knowledge, education and self-betterment that allowed each generation to stand on the substance of those who came before?"

Menachem Rosensaft, chairman of the Holocaust dedication committee and founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, said that in order to perpetuate the memory of the six million "it is not enough for us to recall the inferno in which they perished. Rather we must first know and understand who they had been in normal times, before they became immersed in death and horror."

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

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In all, North Carolina has some 150 golf courses open all year, even though some parts of the state occasionally see snow. Courses in the Piedmont area are played all year. Another group of courses is near the coastal town of Shallotte, close to where North and South Carolina meet.

You can golf along much of the 280 miles of South Carolina's coast beaches at courses on Hilton Head Island, at Charleston where the first shots were fired in the Civil War of the 1860s, and at Myrtle Beach where Canadians are always welcomed. In spring Myrtle Beach has its Canadian Days Festival.

South Carolina also has all-year golf courses inland from the Atlantic coast such as those in the Greenville area at the western end of the state.

The state of Georgia is filled with golf courses, including those near Augusta where the annual Masters Tournament is played.

Golf is a major industry in Georgia. There is hardly a town which does not have a golf course. In all, there are close to 150 golf courses in Georgia, some of them named for famous players such as the Bobby Jones course at Atlanta.

In the state capital, Atlanta, there are good golf courses as well as other attractions for non-golfing members of the family. The city has many fine homes, has had some restorations in the downtown area in recent years, and the huge pebble known as Stone Mountain, outside the city, draws young and old.

There is a gondola lift up this massive chunk of granite, and a century-old type railway which circles the mountain. Big attraction on Stone Mountain is the huge memorial carved into the granite of Confederate personalities on horseback: Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson.

There are a number of good golf courses in the Savannah area, a coastal city founded by the British some 260 years ago, and best known for its role in the cotton trade and its restoration of old homes and cotton warehouses in recent years. After golfing you'll find good restaurants here, some of which recall the days when pirates used to dine in the same building.

As you come down the Georgia coast there are numerous islands, once inhabited by pirates, then developed by the wealthy as warm weather retreats from the northern United States. Today, Sea Island and Jekyll Island in the southern part of the state, cater to tens of thousands of visitors escaping from wintry blasts, who come to play on first-class golf courses connected with the many motels and hotels on the islands.

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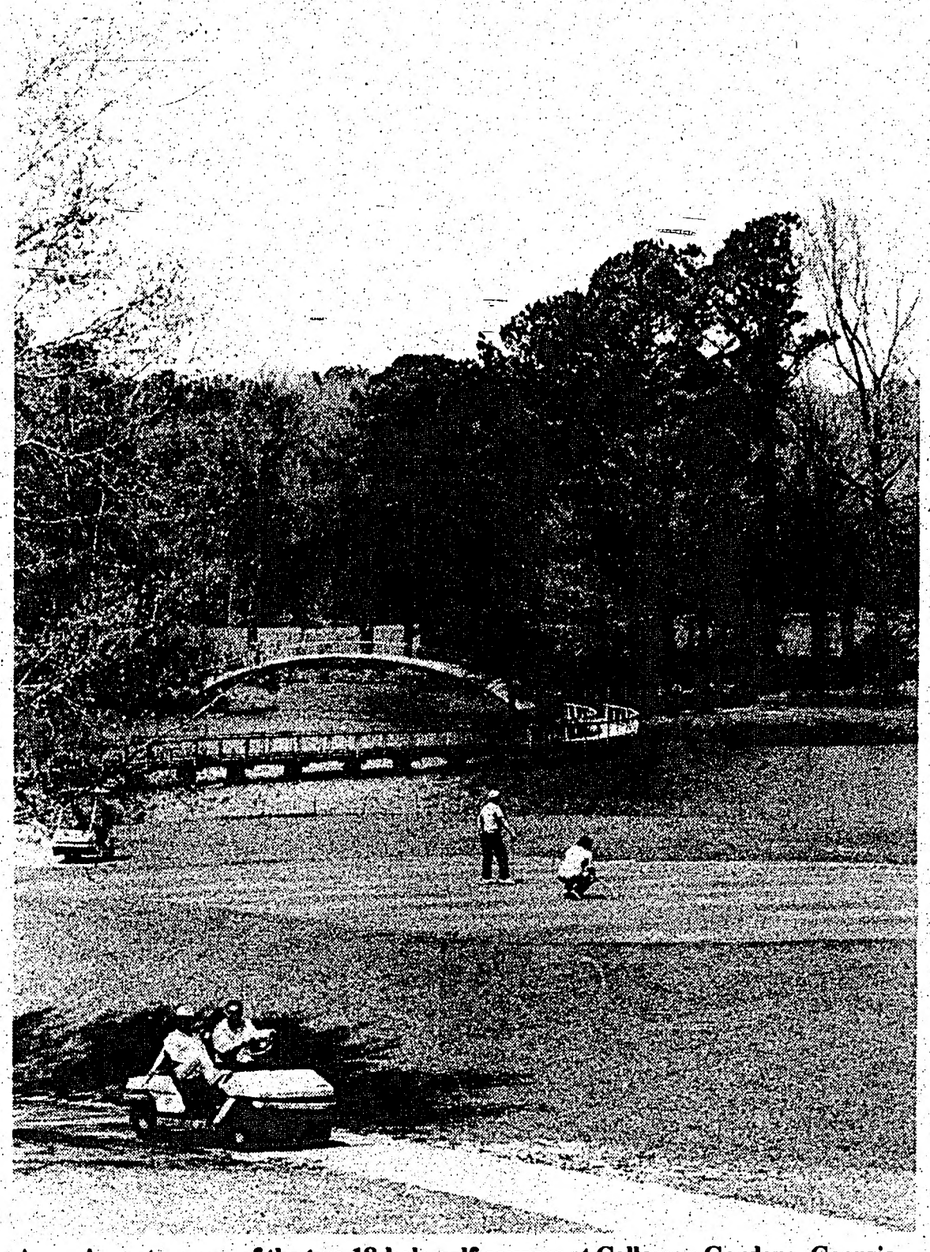

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI BEACH — This well known beach resort is not only a destination for winter vacationers, but also a jumping off point for other parts of Florida and the nearby Bahamas. There are dozens of easily arranged destinations from Miami Beach.

About an hour's drive south, for instance, is Everglades National Park, a protected wilderness of 2,000 square miles. It is possible in a day to take guided tours and air boat rides, or set out alone on nature trails.

The park is a beautiful, eerie habitat filled with exotic and endangered species of wild life and plants. It is one of the world's most famous swamps, where you will find alligators, crocodiles, flamingos, sea turtles, bald eagles, manatees and even panthers.

To reach the park, take US Highway 1 south to Homestead and follow the signs to the Visitors Centre. There are guided tours on land and by water at various prices.

By seaplane or commuter jet aircraft, the British flavor of the Bahamas is less than an hour's flight from Miami Beach. There are also cruise ships each morning, which return about midnight after some hours on Grand Bahama Island.

You can spend the day exploring one island, visiting its handicraft shops, stopping for the evening to try out the casinos at the big resort hotels or take glass-bottom boats to see the coral formations off shore.

On Florida's west coast are the Sanibel and Captiva Islands, a 2-hour drive from Miami Beach via Highway 41 west or Highway 84 to Naples, and then north to Fort Myers. There is a toll-free causeway across San Carlos Bay from there to the two small islands which are becoming popular for shell collectors and the long stretches of pristine beach.

If you don't want to drive, there are commuter air services to the islands.

If you want to do some deepsea fishing, you will find numerous charter boat operators at the various piers and docks or through your hotel's transportation desk.

You can go for the blue marlin on a party boat.

Most all-day charter craft have a 6-person limit, and prices are competitive.

Besides the possibility of finding blue marlin, you might haul in a tuna, bonito, dolphin, swordfish or wahoo. Closer inshore in the inland waterway and among the nearby islands the day's sport might bring in barracuda, snapper, grouper, sea trout and a number of other game fish.

Then there is Palm Beach, the legendary winter haunt of the rich. It is not far north of Miami Beach on Interstate Highway 95 north, or at a more leisurely pace via US Highway 1 north, or the coastal road Florida A1A. Palm Beach is an elegant small town with exclusive residential districts and shopping at expensive boutiques on Worth Ave. With affluent all-winter-long residents there are bound to be many fine restaurants.

Drive south for 90 minutes on Highway 1 to Key Largo and the chain of small, sleepy communities still relatively unmarked by big development with friendly, unpretentious restaurants serving fresh-caught seafood.

You can visit the John Pennekamp State Park, an undersea park for viewing coral formations and tropical fish. Along the Overseas Highway to the various islands you might see giant sea turtles, herons and storks in the swamps.

By car, bus or commuter plane you can go for a day to Walt Disney World and Epcot Centre near Orlando in central Florida. There are numerous excursion packages for one or more days from Miami Beach to these world-famous attractions. And near Orlando there are other attractions you may want to see.

Should there be a space flight planned while you are in the Miami Beach area you'll find excursions available to the Cape Canaveral launching site, with tours of the space museums, outdoor displays and tours of the various launching pads.

These are just a few of the many short excursions you can take from Miami Beach if you tire of relaxing on the wide sand beaches and the resort's many other attractions.

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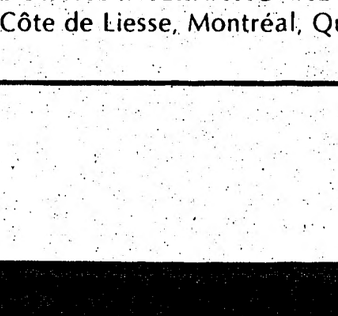

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Travel

Gambling, entertainment pack them in

South Africa goes Vegas in Sun City

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

SUN CITY, Bophuthatswana — Call it, if you will, the Las Vegas of southern Africa.

Sun City, lying in an extinct volcanic crater nestled in the Pilanesberg Mountains, is a sight to behold.

Smack in the midst of the African bushveld landscape is a glittering resort where holiday makers can gamble or gambol in luxurious surroundings.

Developed at a cost of some $120 million by South African hotelier Sol Kirzner, Sun City is located in the republic of Bophuthatswana, created by South Africa as a homeland for the Sothos, a Black tribal group.

No visa needed to visit homeland

Bophuthatswana, divided into seven fragmented areas, is one of four supposedly sovereign homelands established by the South African government since 1963. Not a single nation in the world, save South Africa, recognizes these homelands — the reason being that each is said to be a wholly artificial creature of the South Africans.

One hundred-and-thirty kilometres north of Johannesberg, South Africa's biggest metropolis, Sun City can easily be reached from Johannesberg's bus terminal or Jan Smuts Airport with Mmabatho Air Services.

Neither South African nor foreign travelers require a visa.

Although Bophuthatswana has a fairly diverse economy, based on agriculture, ranching, mining and light industry, this 44,000 square km. entity relies to some extent on revenues generated by Sun City.

Last year, Sun City attracted 1.5 million visitors, a good proportion of whom were Jewish, according to Peter Wagner, regional manager.

There is a considerable number of Europeans, particularly West Germans, streaming to Sun City, which was inaugurated in December of 1979. But most of its guests are South Africans.

South Africans are fond of Sun City because of its gambling facilities. In puritanical South Africa, gambling is forbidden. Sun City has 700 slot machines and its beautifully furnished casino offers American roulette, blackjack, craps and punto banco.

Fun seekers can also enjoy Sun City's array of international entertainers. Frank Sinatra opened its massive entertainment centre in 1981, and in the past three years, the likes of Elton John, Shirley Bassey, Kenny Rogers and Olivia Newton-John have lured audiences here.

When this reporter visited Sun City, he saw two shows in one night.

The first, held in the 650-seat Extravaganza Theatre, was entitled Stars. A variety show featuring braless dancing girls, a British comedy team, great sets and imaginative skits, Stars was certainly a hit.

Resort all things for all people

Dancin' Machine, the second show, took place in the Galaxy bar/disco, and the whirling break-dancing routine kept patrons' eyes glued to the stage.

Sun City, which is all things to all men, has an 18-hole golf course designed and managed by Gary Player, tennis and squash courts, swimming pools, a bowling alley and health studios.

Down at Water World, a man-made lake 750 metres long, visitors may sail, ski or paddle boats.

Six different kinds of accommodation, ranging from cabanas to hotel rooms, are available. And, for a nominal fee, day trippers gain access to locker rooms in the cabana complex.

Sun City, which is fully integrated, can compete with the best resorts when it comes to food. It has four restaurants, including the elegant Silver Forest, as well as fast food outlets.

If you're curious about the surrounding countryside, Sun City can arrange a tour to the nearby Pilanesberg National Park, set amid rolling plains, sheltered valleys and mountain tops.

Roaming here are such animals as elephants, leopards, rhinos, cheetahs and antelopes. Bird life is abundant, there being 300 recorded species flying about and nesting here.

For a different experience, you can try the ostrich farm, 10 minutes away by car.

A guide points out that ostriches, which are notoriously vicious if sufficiently provoked, lay eggs — each of which can feed 16 adults — and eat their own waste matter.

If you're game, you can climb aboard an ostrich and ride as fast as 100 km. per hour. I declined the invitation and do not regret it. The ostrich is a finicky bird and can kick a man to death.

Man gets his revenge, however. Ostrich feathers and skin are staples of the ostrich trade, while ostrich steaks are reportedly quite tender and tasty.

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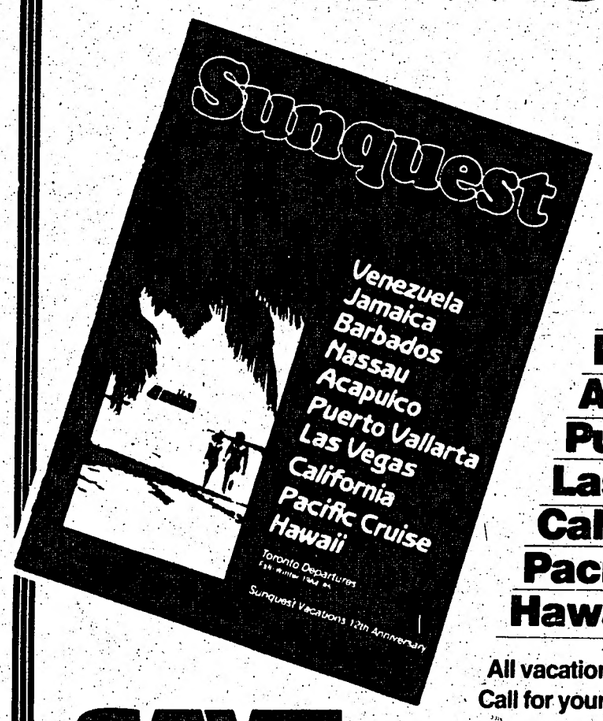

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sports scene

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Expansion teams usually experience an unhappy fate in their first years of operation. The players may be a little apprehensive in the new surroundings while established squads may feel a little miffed at the new guys on the block and try to show them just who's boss.

The Toronto Jewish Soccer Club started its 1st year in the Toronto and District League this spring, and like other new teams in established leagues, they started a little slow.

But when you're as good as they are, that means learning to get by with ties.

After a 6-0-4 win, loss, tie start, the club "really came together" and got stronger as the season wore on, says club secretary Tony Lipsey. It finished in fine fashion, winning its last league game recently to close the season with a 14-0-4 record.

That final-day 2-1 victory against Science International assured the club — they call themselves Toronto Maccabi, although they are not associated with Maccabi Canada — of first place in the Ticinnini Division.

The rest of the league may be breathing a sigh of relief as a result, since the win means the rookie sensations will move up to the league's 1st Division next season.

Goals by Isaac Queroub and George Schroter was all the scoring power Maccabi needed as they withstood a spirited counter-attack to hold on to the victory and remain undefeated.

While the game with division rivals Science International was a tough contest, the post season play that's coming up will be an even greater test of the calibre of the cosmopolitan squad.

As Ticinnini champs, they will represent the division in a league playoff that includes teams from the league's Premier (top) Division. That will tell the players — drawn from Toronto's diverse Jewish community of Israelis, Moroccans, Brits, South Africans and Canadians — just how good they really are.

Win or lose, the 25 soccer-playing club members will continue to kick the ball around throughout the winter, Lipsey says. Soccer in Toronto never ends, it just moves indoors.

Starting in November the club will field two teams in the local indoor league. Part of those teams will come from the second team the club fields — a younger squad of up-and-comers who can one day look forward to working up to the premier team.

Playing in the 13-team Ontario Government Soccer League, the No. 2 team was also good enough to merit promotion to the league's 1st Division from the 2nd Division.

Meanwhile the Club executive continues to look ahead, planning for the future. They're considering sponsoring an under-12-year-old team next year, Lipsey says, and they plan to discuss the plan with North York and Armadale league representatives.

Anyone interested in more information about the Toronto Jewish Soccer Club can contact Tony Lipsey at (416) 845-9430, ext. 238.

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B'nai B'rith baseball has a new champion. Or rather, 10 new champions.

After a long season of pitching, hitting and sliding, the 86 teams in seven fast pitch and three slow pitch divisions were whittled down to the 10 best — one from each division.

Finishing 1st over the regular season was not necessarily an indication of how well a team would do in post-season play. It's a whole new season, the cliche goes, and Leonard Mayzel A of Division 1 proved that, coming from 4th place to upset No. 2 North York A in the best-of-three championship series.

North York A started well, winning the first game 2-1, but Leonard Mayzel A's pitchers came back with a vengeance to lead the team to 1-0 and 7-0 shutouts in the next two contests, clinching Division 1 top honors.

In Division 2, playoff performances followed the regular season script more closely as 1st place finisher Forestdale A swept 2nd place Toronto Freedom B 8-7 and 13-0 to win the division championship.

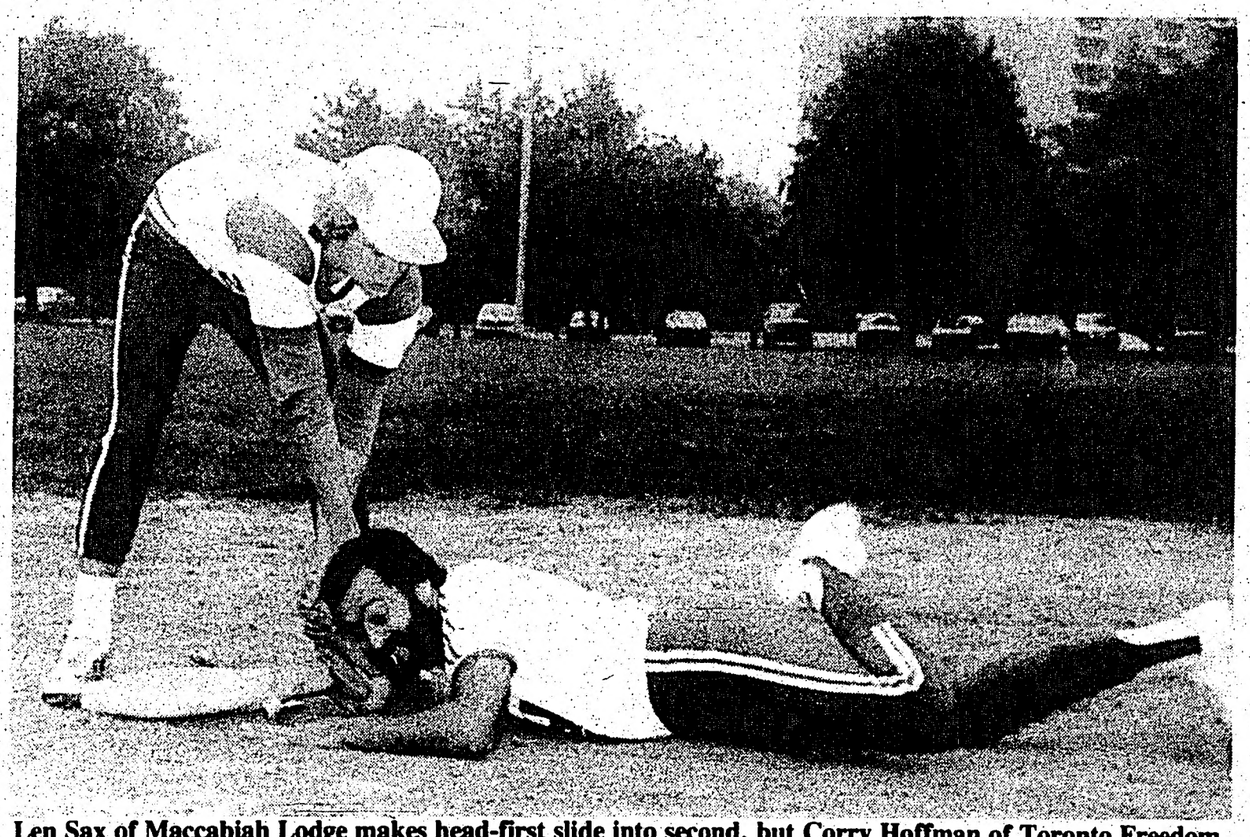
Maccabiah A had a harder time of it in Division 3, as they were extended to the full three games by 4th place Manor Met B. Maccabiah took the first game 6-3 but Manor Met bounced back in the second, winning it 11-7.

In the showdown third game, Maccabiah lit up the scoreboard, routing Manor Met 22-10.

It went right down to the wire in Division 4, where regular season leader Forestdale D was in tough against 3rd place Toronto Freedom C. Forestdale took the first game 12-10, but Freedom bounced back to win the second 14-8. In the deciding third game Forestdale squeaked by the Freedom team, winning the division title by a single run in a 10-9 game.

In Division 5, 2nd place Thornhill B got a chance to prove which is the better team, as they took on division leader Don Mills B after chasing them for 1st place through much of the season.

It was tight all the way through, as Don Mills took the 1st game in a narrow 3-2 decision. But Thornhill bounced back and surprised Don Mills with two consecutive 1-run victories, 10-9 and 7-6, to win the division.



Len Sax of Maccabiah Lodge makes head-first slide into second, but Corry Hoffman of Toronto Freedom Lodge is waiting for him with an easy tag.

The old adage about playoffs being a new season never was more true than in Division 6, as the 4th and 5th place teams, Judea D and Leonard Mayzel G, squared off in the championship final. In a real cinderella story the boys from Leonard Mayzel upset the applecart and won the division with 7-4 and 17-14 victories.

In Division 7, 1st and 2nd place finishers Toronto Freedom F and Toronto Freedom G met in the final, with Freedom G taking both playoff games by scores of 14-9 and 12-8.

Over in the Slow Pitch League, season-long Division 1 leader Toronto Freedom J took the 1st playoff game from 3rd place Maccabiah F 8-7 but were given a real scare in the second game, losing 4-2. They came back in the third to take the title thanks to a 10-6 win.

In Division 2, 2nd place Maccabiah H upset 1st place Toronto Freedom P, relying on heavy hitting to do it. After Maccabiah won the 1st game 16-0, Freedom P bounced back with a 19-13 win. Maccabiah took the third game, and the division title, with a 21-14 victory. But don't let the score fool you, they didn't have to score a touchdown to do it.

In Division 3, 3rd place Forestdale J were in tough, getting wallopped 20-7 and 14-2 by Maven.

Maven? If you're wondering who they are, then wonder no more. The boys in Jerusalem B, division leaders throughout the season, decided on a change of name near the end of the season. It looks like they knew what they were doing, as it didn't affect their winning ways.

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Israel's two top tennis stars came up a little short recently, losing in the Davis Cup European Zone "A" final to the Soviet Union in the Ukrainian city of Donetz.

Despite the outcome, the Soviets were extended to the limit by Israel's top players — Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkis.

In the final and deciding singles match, Perkis, Israel's No. 2 ranked player, was beaten by Soviet team captain Alexander Zverev in a match that stretched over two days.

The match was halted the first night because of darkness, with the players evenly split at 1 set each and tied in the 3rd set at 6-all.

When play resumed Zverev came on to take the match by scores of 2-6, 7-5, 10-8, 6-4, earning the Soviets the tournament victory.

Israel went into the last day of the competition leading the Soviets 2-1, after Glickstein, Israel's top player, defeated Zverev, Russia's No. 2 player 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 5-7, 8-6.

Later Glickstein and Perkis teamed up to defeat Vadim Borisov and Leonic Leoniuk in a grueling 4-hour doubles match.

With Israel leading 2-1, Glickstein was defeated in a singles match by 17-year-old Andrei Chesnokov 6-0, 7-9, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1. Chesnokov is ranked No. 4 in the Soviet Union and is their junior champion. Earlier he had earned the Soviets' their first win, beating Perkis 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

The defeat means Israel will revert to the European Zone in the Davis Cup while the Soviet squad will advance into the premier division of the top 16 international competition in the finals of the Davis Cup next year.

Some 1,500 spectators, including several Jews who waved greetings to the Israelis, viewed the opening day competition.

According to Israel Tennis Association chairman David Harnik, who received his visa only minutes before the Israelis were due to embark for Donetz from Vienna, the Israelis were being well treated.

However the ITA is protesting to the World Union the Soviet refusal to grant visas to some non-playing members of the Israeli team and its barring of all Israeli journalists from the competition.

The Soviets also banned the raising of national flags or playing national anthems on the grounds that such matters are not called for in Davis Cup regulations.

The ITA says the flag-raising and anthem-playing are traditional at all Davis Cup matches.

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Maccabi Canada continues to prepare for next summer's extravaganza in Israel. Part of that preparation means providing the athletes with proper back-up support, particularly in the field of physiotherapy.

Maccabi Canada recently announced it is now accepting applications for the positions of athletic therapist and physiotherapist. Their role will involve working with the athletes prior to and during their 2-week stay in Israel.

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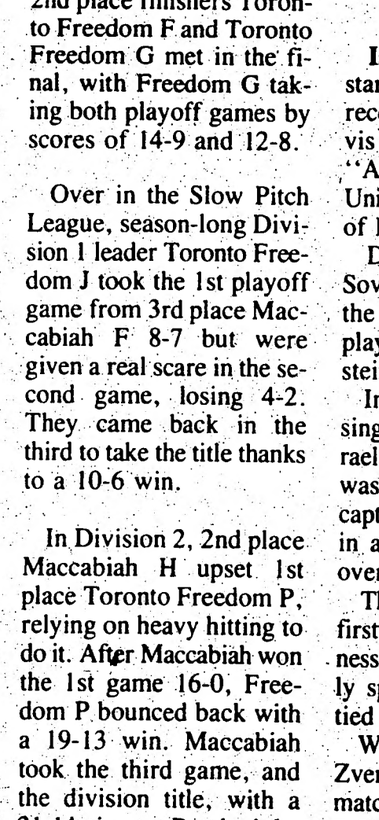

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Autumn Party
Rooneys
Monday, October 22nd
8 p.m.

Jewish Information Service — we can assist you in deciding where to volunteer. 635-5600 (Voice TTY).

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Dufferin/Steeles. Furnished basement, parking. Reasonable. Female. Kosher. Evenings 669-4631.

Furnished basement apt., business couple, close to transportation. 787-6868. No Shabbat calls.
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Bathurst-Finch. Exquisitely furnished 1 bedroom Nov. 1. 661-6911.

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John Lim "Flower Shop" signed & numbered. 789-2086.

New luxurious custom-made white mink jacket, size 12/14. 635-0666.

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DOMESTIC HELP WANTED

Widowed gentleman seeks live-in companion, light housekeeping, plain Jewish cooking. Willing to travel. 223-8030, 598-3535.

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FLORIDA ACCOMMODATION WANTED

2 bedroom on beach in Hallandale wanted fopr 3-4 months. Winter season. 445-5830.

WANTED FURNISHED APARTMENT, Hallandale area, December 15-January 15, 1-514-688-0610.

Century Village. Deerfield. Starting February, best references. (416) 522-6964.

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Samuel Grosberg on Sept. 20/84, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #209.
George Hollo on Sept. 21/84, late of 905 Prete St., Sudbury.
Milton Kasman on Sept. 20/84, late of 6030 Bathurst St., #1911.
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Frances Gang on Sept. 18/84, late of 18 Cedarcroft Blvd., #704.
Barbara Pesing on Sept. 19/84, late of Collingwood, Ontario.
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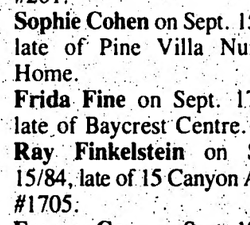

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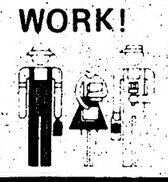

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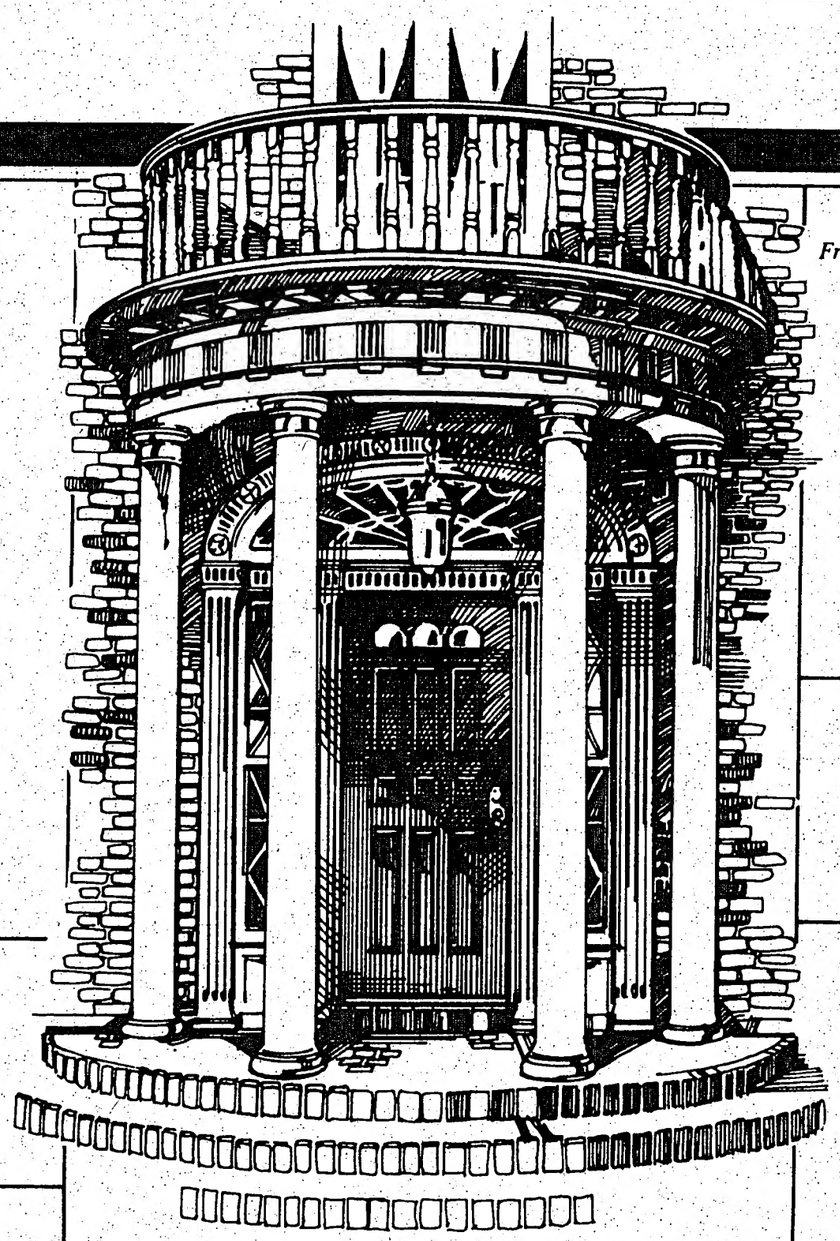

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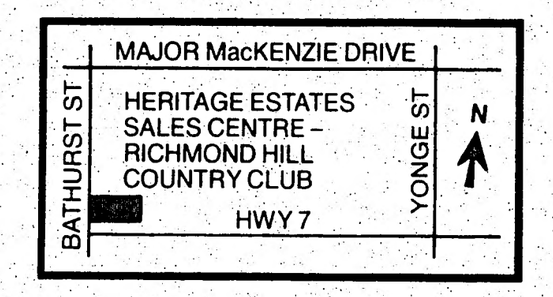

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Dislike of the Unlike

The Never-ending Story

by Mark Silverberg

THERE is, in Canada today, a callous disregard for the realities and the manifestations of hate. It is reflected in laws that are inadequate (and therefore unenforceable) against purveyors of hatred, who disseminate tape-recorded anti-Semitic sermons to their congregants; who speak of a world wide Jewish conspiracy and of Jews as a cancer, a parasite on civilization; who today deny the existence of the Holocaust as an historical fact and who argue that it is yet a matter for continued debate; who rely upon the fundamental freedoms of Canada to undermine those same freedoms for other Canadians — and who do all these things with absolute immunity, and in flagrant violation of all that is right and just. The problem is as old as the Scriptures and is clear as the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the manner in which we, as Canadians, deal with this travesty will, in large measure, become a reflection of Canadians as a people.

The Extent of Anti-Semitism

Several months ago, the Canada-Israel Committee commissioned a poll to ascertain the level and the extent of anti-semitism and to measure the degree to which it was either latent or manifest. The results of the study are generally favourable but the impact of its conclusions may well have a profound effect upon the manner in which we perceive anti-semitism in Canada.

The study concludes that the majority of Canadians (over eighty percent) do not perceive Jews as being any different from themselves. In short, over all attitudes towards Jews in Canada are seen as either positive or neutral as opposed to negative. *It is significant, however, that there remains a firmly established group of between six percent and twenty percent of Canadians who continue to exhibit varying degrees of prejudice towards Jews which manifests itself (in latent prejudiced attitudes) as a sensitivity towards the increased presence of Jews in their jobs, communities and social clubs.*

The core group (approximately six per cent) of anti-Semites, however, is more direct in its prejudice. For that group, the problem is not one that can readily be solved through the educational process. For this group, (comprised primarily of single, unemployed, twenty-five years old or younger male apartment dwellers with either very little education or a Community College education and generally with no religious affiliation), the Jew is viewed as a modern day Shylock: less trustworthy, less law-abiding, less honest, less charitable, more aggressive and more influential with the media, in business and in politics than most other Canadians. It is this attitude of the hard-core anti-semite that makes Jews vulnerable to attack from those who are prejudiced. It is little wonder, then, that events in the Middle East, while not creating anti-Semitism, function as a vehicle to bring out the latent prejudice which already forms part of their mentality. In short, for the stereo-typical anti-Semite, Israel is not the cause of anti-Semitism but his excuse for it.

The fact that the stereo-typical hard-core anti-Semite represents a mere six percent of Canada's population should not allow us to relax our vigilance on the activities of these groups. Their hatred is not the type of ignorance that can be dealt with at the level of social intercourse or community dialogue. Anti-Semitism in their case stems from an irrational, one dimensional, all encompassing indictment and hatred of all that is Jewish — without qualification. Fixated on a specific rigid, racist ideology, these groups see their function as essentially messianic — requiring a race war to purify the soul of Canada! Many have formed themselves into organizations which form part of a phenomenon known as the "Identity Churches," a pseudo Christian Movement which holds the belief that white-Anglo Saxons, not Jews, are the "true Israelites," and God's chosen people. Vicious hostility toward non-white races and relentless vilification of Jews are major components of this Movement's theology of hate.

In Canada, the major organizations forming part of the "Identity Movement Churches" are the Aryan Nations Organization (known as the "Church of Jesus Christ Christian") based in Fort Langley, British Columbia and operating throughout the Lower Mainland of B.C. and certain elements of the Ku Klux Klan, the national office of which is now based in New Westminster, British Columbia.

It is these groups that the hard-core anti-Semites will be most attracted to in difficult economic times. This paper will present certain specific remedies which can be utilized to deal with this problem.

Hate Literature

Under section 281, the Criminal Code of Canada outlaws the advocacy of genocide; the incitement to hatred of a group in a public place where that incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace; and all oral and written statements, made in public, that willfully promote hatred against any identifiable group. However, no move to combat anti-Zionism (as anti-Semitism) or Holocaust denial literature is even seriously contemplated at this time. Although both the Canadian Jewish Congress and the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith have proposed amendments to section 281 of the Code which would make it an offense in Canada to deny historical events (such as the Holocaust) for the purpose of inciting hatred against identifiable groups of people, the likelihood of success is small.

In Canada, the 1975 U.N. Resolution equating Zionism with Racism has opened the door through which the anti-Semites may freely pass. The Resolution is used today by hate groups and known anti-Semitic publishing houses to disseminate hate literature against Zionists (read: Jews) under the guise of academic freedom and freedom of speech.

In contrast Europe, and in particular France and Germany, have recognized that denial of the Holocaust through the perversion of history is tantamount to inciting hatred against the Jews. In France, Robert Faurisson, a former professor at the University of Lyon, was recently found guilty of incitement to racial hatred by accusing international Zionism of a "gigantic swindle" in inventing the Holocaust. Faurisson was ordered to pay damages for injury caused to Holocaust survivors in violating his duties as an historian through his denial of the Holocaust. On appeal, the Court found that by so acting, Faurisson had committed not merely a provocation but a racial slander.

Canadian law, however, refuses to recognize these forms of anti-Semitism, for section 281 adds provisos which make the hope of any successful prosecution negligible: convictions are barred where (a) the statements made are proved to be true or (b) where the statements are an opinion on a religious argument or (c) where they are part of a discussion "for the public benefit" and are reasonably believed to be true, or (d) where the statements are, in effect, part of an assault on hatred. Furthermore, no conviction under section 281 can be obtained under this Federal hate law unless it is proven that the statement was made *willfully* which the Courts have now determined to be far beyond the criminal standard of proof — that is, something more than 'beyond a reasonable doubt.'

Hitler Could Have Evaded Prosecution in Canada

Given the proliferation of Holocaust denial pamphlets, booklets and materials surfacing in all regions of Canada (materials which are deemed illegal in most of the European countries); given the generally laid back and unabridged interpretations placed by Canadian jurists upon such concepts as freedom of speech and academic freedom (which are not dissimilar from interpretations placed upon these concepts by European Courts but do not recognize any effective limitation in the interests of preserving those freedoms); given the recent multiplicity of extreme right-wing Identity Movement Churches in Canada who use their own interpretation of the New Testament to promote and justify so called "Aryan Culture" and themselves as the "real and true people of Israel," it is likely that *Adolf Hitler himself* could successfully have evaded criminal prosecution under the present provisions of the Criminal Code. In short, section 281

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Viewpoints

Editor's Notebook

Our readers may be taken aback to learn that, among Western democracies, Canada is one of the most accessible areas for those seeking to sow the seeds of anti-Semitism. The reason is lucidly delineated by Mark Silverberg's article on the weaknesses of Canada's anti-hate legislation. He concludes that the price of freedom from anti-Semitism, like the price of any precious freedom, is eternal vigilance.

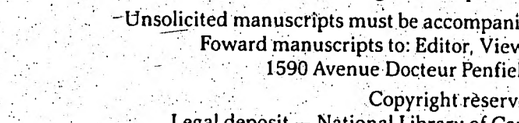
Pursuing this theme, Bernard Mercovitz focusses on the current Keegstra affair, analyzes the extensive press coverage it has generated, and the reactions it has evoked among non-Jewish Canadians. He gives his conclusions as to the lessons the Jewish community can learn from it, which some may find controversial. We invite your comments.

Louis Greenspan's review-essay of Jacques Kornberg's collection of essays on Ahad Haam provides some long-overdue illumination of the thinking of this seminal Zionist philosopher, whose ideas have recently languished in obscurity. Professor Greenspan suggests these ideas may now be found to be relevant to the issues faced by Israel today. Fascinating in its own right, the essay also serves to introduce a theme we will be exploring in some depth in future issues: Rethinking Zionist Ideology. A consensus appears to be emerging, both in Israel and the Diaspora, that a serious reconsideration of basic Zionist thought, which has remained essentially unchanged since the beginning of the century, is now timely.

Miriam Packer's short story, The Helper, demonstrates once again her sure touch in exploring the darker reaches of the human condition with both clarity and compassion. The low key she deliberately uses heightens the emotional impact of the portrayal of the human suffering that is the lot of those who fall by the wayside in our competitive society.

Irwin Pollock relates a little-known sidelight of the Nazi terror in his recounting of the first Jew to be executed by the Hitler regime.

We are happy to offer our readers a sampling of the work of Canadian poets, Ilanna Yuditsky and Sandra Cohen.



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of the Criminal Code of Canada does not work if its purpose is to stop the dissemination of literary hatred. In the thirteen years that the hate propaganda sections have been in the Criminal Code, only four cases have been prosecuted and any initial convictions obtained have been overturned on appeal.

Nor can one argue that the Canadian Human Rights Act fills the void created by the Criminal Code of Canada. Firstly, the impact of the new Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (enacted April 17th, 1982) on both section 281 of the Criminal Code and the Federal and Provincial Human Rights Acts is yet to be interpreted. Litigation may determine that the new Charter may have made these Codes either unconstitutional or in possible contravention of specific provisions of the Charter itself. In any event, a great deal of time and money will be expended before these matters are resolved. Secondly, section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act applies only to telephone messages, not others, such as those transmitted by broadcasting. There would appear to be no defense such as truth, fair comment or public good. It should also be noted that the offense is that of person(s) communicating the message as opposed to the carrier by which the message was conveyed. The greatest inadequacy of the Canadian Human Rights Act, however, is that it can only order (under section 13) that the communicator cease and desist from the discriminatory practice. Consequently, no order for payment of damages can be made. The fact that the only successful application of this section (i.e.: stopping a "dial-a-hate message" in Toronto) is now before the Courts again, except this time as a constitutional challenge to section 13 (as being in possible violation of the new Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms) may bode ill for the future enforcement of Human Rights legislation in Canada generally.

Proliferation of Hate Literature

It comes as no surprise then that Canada is one of the largest distributors of hate literature in the world. It is a relatively simple matter for individuals to obtain (at less than $2.00 each) materials on Jewish Ritual Murder, Protocols of the Elders of Zion, Debunking the Genocide Myth, The Hoax of the 20th Century, Anne Frank's Diary-A Hoax, For Those Who Can Not Speak, Did Six Million Really Die?, Nurenburg: A New Look; Six Million Lost and Found; The "Problem of The Gas Chambers" or "The Rumour of Auschwitz; The Talmud Unmasked; The Jews and Their Lies; Auschwitz: Truth or Lie?; Israel's Five Trillion Dollar Secret; The Zionist Rape of The Holy Land; The Devil's Disciples and The Hidden Hand of Judah.

It is a relatively simple matter for individuals to obtain mailings in and from Canada, the effect of which is to attribute all of the evils that have plagued mankind through the millenia to the "Zionist Troublemakers," the "Zionist Hoax Artists," the "Zionist Henchmen," the "Zionist Tyranny and Terror" and the "Zionist Genocide Program." In Europe, individuals who publish statements such as these are either fined or imprisoned. In Canada, however, they are free to publish under the guise of academic freedom and on the unqualified principle of freedom of speech.

In short, the proliferation of hate literature in this country represents a growing challenge to the democratic system.

Provincial Legislation

Given the inherent inadequacies of Federal Criminal Legislation it is necessary to probe the possibility of using civil law suits and provincial libel and slander laws to stop the dissemination and proliferation of hate literature in Canada.

Generally, Provincial Human Rights Codes do not specifically deal with the question of hate literature. The major problem with enacting legislation at the Provincial level to deal with the problem of hate literature is primarily and fundamentally that criminal law, is a matter falling under Federal not Provincial jurisdiction. If the problem of hate literature is to be attacked provincially, the questions which will arise necessarily will involve whether such provisions are beyond the jurisdiction of the Provinces to the extent that they may apply to radio, television and/or cable broadcasting. According to the recently published work of Professor Walter Tarnopolsky titled *Discrimination and The Law in Canada*, unless there is evidence to show that the effects of such messages would be to enhance discrimination against the

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Letters

The Editor,
Viewpoints

I was deeply moved by André Elbaz's discriminating article in the May 1984 issue of *Viewpoints*, despite his moderation, which prevented him from bringing to light the seriousness of our community problems.

Sephardic immigrants to Quebec spoke French, and they benefitted from the support of the Quebec government, which considered them a political asset for the promotion of its views. Unfortunately, this support was not used for the advancement of our culture and our community's real needs, but was often wasted by the leaders of the CSQ to further their own private objectives.

The organization that calls itself the CSQ is characterized by a total lack of leadership. It has been chronically embroiled in petty quarrels and dissention, when united action was badly needed to slow the process of assimiliation.

In this respect, the creation of Ecole Maimonide was welcome. But to our great sorrow the Jewish education it gives to our children is inexcusably inadequate. The history of the Jewish people is not sufficiently empahsized and, on the whole, Jewish studies are not taught in a professional way. The leaders of this institution do not generally encourage Israel-oriented activities. For example, Ecole Maimonide does not participate in the salute to Israel organized every year for Yom Haatzmaut. This year, Ecole Maimonide students were again conspicuous by their absence during the Bible quiz in which all Canadian Jewish day schools participated. Neither were they involved in the World bar-mitzvah ceremonies or in the Yediath Haaretz quiz. Ecole Maimonide was the only Montreal school that did not participate in the Jewish Day School Choral Festival during Jewish Music Month, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress. I believe such a mistaken course should not be condoned, as our relation to Am Israel does not depend on our being Sephardim or Ashkenazim. It looks as though the directors of Ecole Maimonide do not have a clear notion of what Jewish studies should be. Must we understand from their attitude that Sephardic culture is the only basic ingredient in a Jewish studies program? Are there no other concerns?

I suggest that the Jewish curriculum in Ecole Maimonide should be entirely restructured so as to merge our Sephardic roots with our spiritual identity as Jews. The Parents' Association of the school should be directly involved in such a project. After all, we are talking here about our children, and our future depends on their education. In this respect, I believe that the President of Ecole Maimonide should be a Sephardic person, naturally immersed in our customs, our mentality and our culture.

David Amar
Montreal

Dear Mr. Abrams:

I have just received the June-July issue of *Viewpoints* containing Irving Layton's opening chapter of his memoirs. It's now 2 a.m. and I've been kept up late reading this piece twice. I felt that you should be commended for publishing this marvelous, evocative chapter. As with Mr. Layton's best poetry, one can taste it, smell it, and feel it on one's skin. And if his book proceeds in this alive manner it will be a milestone publication. I eagerly await further chapters — especially those dealing with his youth in Montreal and the literary developments that bloomed there like so many blossoms.

Thank you for publishing "My Father and I". I hope you will present other excerpts as *Waiting for the Messiah* progresses.

Sincerely,
Steven Da Gama

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Lessons of the Keegstra Case

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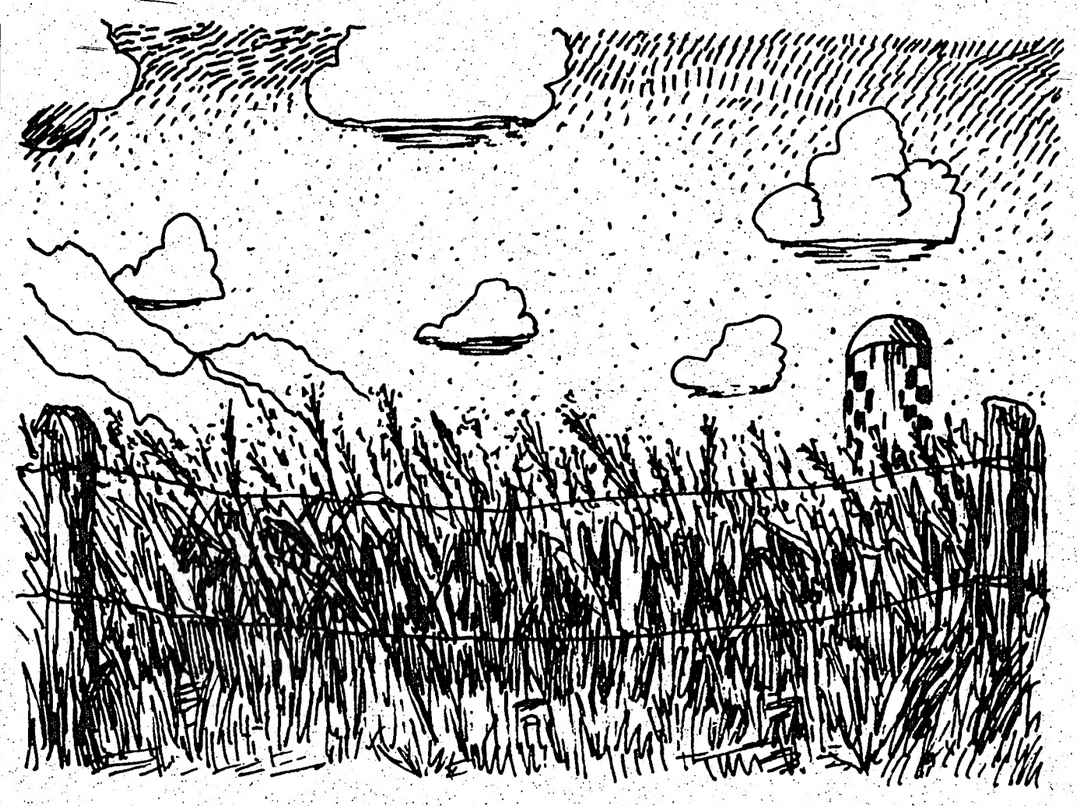

IT is August of 1984. On the wall of a Metro station in Montreal someone has drawn a crude Star of David with a swastika in its middle. Below, are scrawled the words: "First they killed the teacher (Jesus), now they're killing the children."

In the same month American Jewish leaders issue a condemnation of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. for allowing the Reverend Louis Farrakhan to speak before an NPC Luncheon. The club's president, a respected journalist with the San Francisco Chronicle tells them he'd have given Adolph Hitler the same opportunity if he were alive and that Meir Kahane would be welcome if he wanted to speak.

The next day's paper carries the story of the nineteen year old Neo-Nazi in Cannes, France who admits killing seventy-five year old Henriette Cerf-Barsky "simply because she was Jewish".

The report adds that Barsky's husband, father and brother were all murdered in Nazi death camps. It's taken forty years, but the circle is finally complete.

It is still August of 1984. Roland de Corneille, Toronto MP, Anglican minister, human rights activist has just put his election posters up in his riding. Within 48 hours each poster has been defaced. The MP's photo has had spectacles, beard, earlocks (Peyot) and a conical hat, replete with Star of David added. The newspaper tells us that the conical hat is identical to those the Jews were made to wear in the thirteenth century Europe in order to "distinguish" them from the rest of society. We've come a long way in those 700 years.

Racism in a Free Society: The Keegstra Affair

Sarcasm aside, the desire to establish a "free society" is more than an admirable goal, for in such a society anti-semitism would not exist. The problem facing humanity is how to define the limitations under which people can truly be free. The philosopher Reinhold Niebuhr, in his book *"Children of Light, Children of Darkness"*, examines the fine line that separates individual liberty from the common good. The idea is that we're all free to do whatever we please as long as our solitary actions do not have an adverse effect on other individuals or society at large. Theory is one thing, of course; practice quite another as we have learned and are still learning from the Keegstra case.

James Keegstra has been with us since late 1982 when the then Eckville, Alberta high school teacher was dismissed for teaching his students that the Holocaust was greatly exaggerated and that an International Jewish Conspiracy was trying to take over the world.

Since that time Keegstra has unsuccessfully appealed his firing, lost the mayoralty of Eckville and been charged under Article 281.2(2) of the Criminal Code for "wilfully promoting hatred against an identifiable group."

In February of 1984 he entered no plea against the charges and was remanded for a preliminary hearing in June. On June 15, Alberta Provincial Judge Douglas Crowe told the court that he'd found sufficient evidence to commit the case to trial. That trial will begin this autumn.

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Press Reaction

The issue of "Freedom of Speech" has been central to the Keegstra Affair. Press coverage which has ranged from simple reportage by the wire services to in-depth editorials has been enormous. To understand the polarization that exists on the question of Free Speech is to understand the dilemma which faces the Judge, the courts and Canada.

In preparing two Press Reviews for the Canadian Jewish Congress' *"INTERCOM"* I read over 2,800 press clippings on the Keegstra hearings. I refer now to just two of them:

On July 28, Sandra Cordon, a former student of Keegstra's, wrote a guest editorial in *The Daily Herald*, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. She gave it the title "Expressing views a crucial right". Here is some of what she said:

> "...One of the most important questions it raises is how strong a right do we really have to hold our own opinions, irrespective of how bent these may seem to others, and how strong are our rights to express them. ...To me the crux of the Keegstra matter was not whether his opinions were right or wrong but whether he should have expressed them in the manner he did to his high school students. His teaching manner was always emphatic and although I believe I was always aware of the difference between his opinions and the historic facts of Social Studies curriculum it must be said that the two were often presented together and may have had a serious effect on some students... But I don't believe this should have given rise to a criminal charge. It's a matter of school discipline which should have been dealt with long ago by school officials The charge of inciting hatred is nebulous and I fail to see how the Crown will prove Keegstra incited hatred in his students against the Jews. Certainly that his behaviour was unprofessional, that he holds strong prejudices — but in the legal sense, are these crimes?"

Two days before James Keegstra was committed to trial, the Editor of the *Tisdale Saskatchewan Recorder*, a small newspaper in an even smaller rural community, selected the title "Freedom of Truth" for his editorial. Commenting on the testimony he'd heard to date, this enlightened country journalist wrote:

> "Does anyone have the right to teach hatred, fear bigotry, distrust, untruths? Yes, untruths. There are many Canadian soldiers who remember the liberation of Nazi death camps; their memories must easily outweigh the evidence produced by Keegstra or any other anti-semite. In protecting freedom of speech we do not have to bend over backwards. Canadians do have freedom of speech but whether God-given or government-granted, it is a right we still have the responsibility not to abuse."

The Meaning of the Keegstra Case

The judge and jury will have a rough ride. In all cases tried to date under the same law, not one conviction has been made. But media attention is immense and the charges, it must be remembered, were laid by the Attorney-General of Alberta and not by an interest group or offended individual.

In essence, a predominantly Christian nation is putting a man who refers to himself as a "good Christian" on trial for promoting hatred against an identifiable group. Hatred is itself singularly un-Christian, so Canada is faced with more than an isolated case of bigotry or a test of the strength of freedom of speech. Rather, it is being forced to look inward and make a final determination as to whether or not racism will be given breathing room in our democracy.

Around Eckville and Red Deer the overwhelming feeling is that a trial is unnecessary. People there believe that Jim Keegstra is a "Kook" and that his being fired as a teacher and losing the Mayoralty of Eckville was punishment enough. If anyone should be on trial, they say, it's the parents and school-board who allowed the madness to go on for over fourteen years.

Issues that Trouble the Mind

There is also the risk of further polarization as a result of this trial and that is a point worth examining, because Keegstra's ultimate conviction or acquittal both hold the promise of backlash. If he's convicted, his supporters are bound to call it the work of the "Jewish Conspiracy". If he's acquitted, they will see it as a vindication and surely proclaim that what he taught is therefore true, the Holocaust really didn't happen and the Jews are indeed out to control the world.

Keegstra's may well be the last trial ever under an archaic, meatless law. There's lots of talk of a new law, much tougher, without loopholes, that will supposedly make it far riskier for bigots and racists to practice their trade with impunity. A tough law will help, but it won't represent more than just another battle won in a war that will go on and on.

Beyond the question of Keegstra's guilt or innocence under the law is the very question of the usefulness of anti-hate laws. Clearly, many feel they are dangerous; that once a society begins to ban hate literature, for example, it may not be long before it bans films, books and public meetings. Ironically, the most vociferous opponents of hate legislation are those who are most likely to be ultimately hurt by its absence, and those who are most likely to be helped by its absence. I speak first of civil libertarians who believe firmly in the notion that "I may not agree with what you say, but I defend to the death your right to say it." Recent history has shown us that the majority of lawyers who have defended this concept on behalf of avowed racists have themselves been Jewish, particularly lawyers with the American Civil Liberties Union. The others of course, are the Keegstras, Ernst Zundels and Louis Farrakhans of the world who all have developed the canny strategy of using Freedom of Speech as a shield for their racism.

In another article in this issue of *"Viewpoints"*, Mark Silverberg provides a thorough analysis of hate legislation in Canada. He is a firm believer in the absolute requirement that there be strong and enforced hate laws to guarantee that, to the degree it's possible, racism be eradicated. I do not question his motives or those of people who believe as he does. Neither do I challenge the fact that when we have powerful hate legislation in Canada we may well see a diminution in the spread of hate literature and a lot more anti-semites going to jail if they break the law. But I would defy anyone to convince me that the presence of the strongest possible hate legislation, enforced at every turn, would result in the end of anti-semitism. Therefore, while I certainly don't find such legislation dangerous, neither do I find it very useful.

Vigilance is a good thing, and if any group has had to learn to be vigilant it is we Jews. Yet we cannot, and in a democratic society, should not have to accept the responsibility for guarding against every move that might be made against us by any individual or group in that society. Rather, it is our responsibility to ensure through our institutions that we do all we can to create the foundations of understanding which might lead to the eventual eradication of anti-semitic activity.

Jewish-Christian Dialogue

A great deal of faith seems to be placed on Jewish-Christian Dialogue as a path towards the reduction of anti-semitism. The work of the National Council of Christians and Jews, B'nai Brith and the Canadian Jewish Congress in this area is admirable and in the context of the incredible lack of such dialogue up until just a few years ago, it's a remarkable accomplishment. But if it doesn't extend beyond the levels at which it now takes place its ultimate usefulness will be questionable. By and large, manifest anti-semitism is not the work of the non-Jewish intelligentsia. It finds its greatest expression at a much lower level, where poverty is more prevalent and people are more easily led into blaming their misfortune on a group they perceive as having greater advantages than they do. So, the dialogue should be moved to the streets, and to the schools, and into community centres. It should be turned into television documentaries and feature films. We know what can be achieved at a Prayer Breakfast where 20 or 30 notables are present. Imagine what

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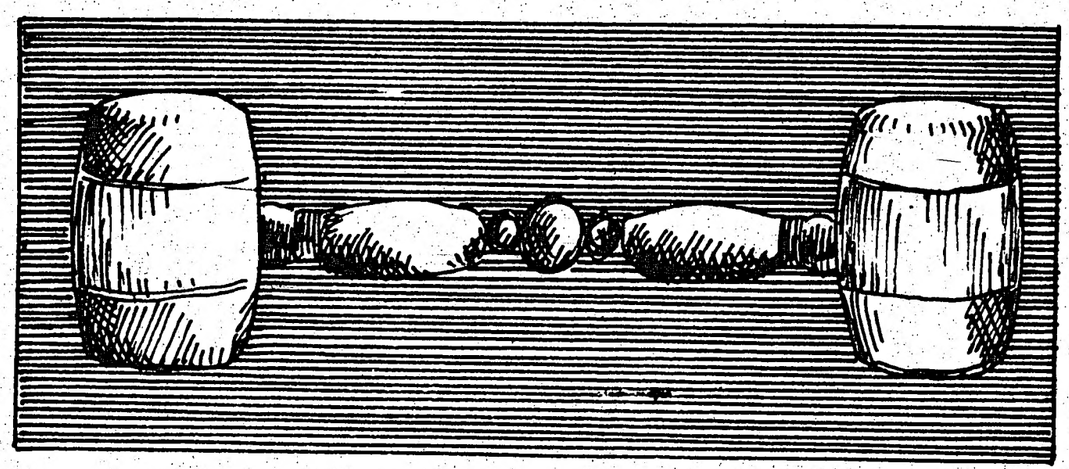
target groups (i.e.: Jews) by ways or by means prohibited by Provincial Human Rights Legislation, the jurisdiction is Federal.

It should be noted that one province, namely Manitoba, has a "group libel" provision included in its Defamation Act. Although there have been very few cases on this provision, one notable case (Courchene vs. Marlborough Hotel) suggests that portions of the Act may well be beyond the jurisdiction of the province as being, in effect, "criminal libel." The Judge noted that matters "tending to raise unrest or disorder among the people" are for Parliament alone to decide. This does not, however, take away from the right of an individual to use civil law suits in provincial libel and slander laws to seek redress from the Courts. The success or failure of the action, in such case, will depend upon the manner in which the libel or slander was conveyed.

Administrative Remedies

It is time to deal with the problem of manifest anti-Semitism through administrative and structural channels. Using administrative and structural vehicles already present within most Communities will allow the Jewish Community to combat the manifestations of anti-Semitism by attacking it in ways which are least likely to be covered by the media, through vehicles which will involve the least cost and which offer the greatest probability of success.

Special Legal Committees should be established in each Canadian Jewish Federation with a mandate to specifically review all existing city and/or municipal by-laws for legislation relating to: (i.e.) Marches or Parades; Unlawful Assembly; Prohibited Publications;



Distribution to Youth; Littering; Breach of the Peace; Licences; City Graffiti Hot Lines; Open Fire Ordinances; Defacing Public Property.

Civil Remedies

Separate and apart from any criminal prosecution which may result from these activities, a civil remedy should be statutorily established which would permit general and special damages for relief. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith have recently put forth a Model Statute upon which such legislation (with adaptation and modification for use by Canadian institutions) can be based.

Other administrative actions which may be of use in dealing with anti-Semitic individuals or organizations at the grass roots level would include:

1) Incorporations and Charitable Societies

Check for the possible incorporation of any suspected right-wing extremist organizations at your local Registrar of Companies Branch. If any of the "Identity Churches" for example, *are* incorporated, the corporate documents including the Objects and the By-laws should be reviewed and monitored so as to ensure absolute compliance without deviation. Furthermore, as such organizations may be using charitable Societies as covers for racist activities, monitoring the activities of such "charitable" societies is vital. Violations of its Objects may result in revocation of the Society's charitable tax status (and related membership benefits that accrue by virtue of that status). The Ku Klux Klan, for example, is incorporated in the Province of Alberta.

2) Monitoring

(a) Mailings:

Monitor, actively and passively, any scheduled meetings for either prohibited and/or racist materials.

(b) Radio Talk shows:

Monitoring radio talk shows in local communities should also form an essential part of the monitoring process.

(c) The written media:

Knowledge of the names, pseudonyms and philosophies of such organizations on a continuous basis will ensure that letters to the editor (for instance) are replied to by individuals whose task it is to monitor newspapers for such publications.

3) Postal Information

Section 41 of the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, as discussed, allows for the possibility of an injunction against any distributor who disseminates hate literature through the Canadian mails. It is important that both the envelope and the contents containing suspected anti-Semitic material be forwarded to local Federation offices.

4) Customs

Familiarize your organization with any and all relevant Customs Regulations as well as the lists of all publications and publishing houses whose materials and books may be prohibited in Canada.

5) Disciplinary Proceedings

Where local school board committees on racism have not yet been established in local school districts, efforts to do so should be undertaken in order to establish guidelines in the schools on the process by which racial incidents are to be dealt with.

Conclusions

Deepening hostility to Israel, an increase in potentially violent anti-Semitic incidents, the growing militancy of right wing and left wing extremist groups, the formation of an intellectual right with its racist ideas and the efforts to falsify history by denying the Holocaust — this is the face of the new anti-Semitism — in Canada.

To this and more, to the rue Copernics of our time, the Jewish response must be, quite simply, to let none of it pass. As a community we must cease worrying about making waves — the waves are being made for us. The notion that if Jews acted any differently, so would their enemies, is ridiculous. The Jew is the victim of anti-Semitism, not its cause. Goldenberg's restaurant in Paris would have been bombed even if Arik Sharon was not having his way with the West Bank.

A recent report on anti-Semitism issued out of London by the Institute of Jewish Affairs concluded with these words:

> "Anti-Semitism can not be cured. It can only be fought. And it has been demonstrated many times that Jews are the only people who can be counted upon to fight it."

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might be achieved if we were to establish exchange programs in which entire classes from a Catholic high school would change places one week each month with their Jewish counterparts.

There are no simple solutions to the problems which anti-semitism creates for us. We have lived with it for so very long that we find difficulty in even properly defining what it really is. What we are certain of is that to varying degrees it is an everyday part of our lives and as such the ultimate question is what can we as Jews do about it?

"Dislike of the Unlike"

We do not do nearly enough to let others know what we're all about and, as a result, we miss the chance to change our neighbours' minds.

People tend to fear the unknown and we remain, by and large, unknown to most around us. We are a people who for over 2,000 years have been living as "strangers in a strange land". We have taken the Greek word "diaspora" and made it our own. We have some trouble defining whether we are just a religious grouping, a nation, a people or a race. And if we can't define it we can't expect the societies in which we live to do so.

At first glance whether we have set ourselves apart or have been set apart by the minorities of the countries in which we live seems not to be much of an issue. But it becomes the main issue for Jews who are attempting to understand their Judaism, for is it not the very fact of having always been apart from the mainstream that has given us our identity and, at the same time, been the breeding ground of both anti-semitic feelings and actions?

Solutions

We have choices. Our first and best position is our own strength... physical, moral, religious and legal. We are the ones who must present the case against anti-semitism to the world, because we are the only ones who care enough to bother. Yet, while we care enough, do we know enough? Knowing enough means having the pride to defend againt ignorance and fight for our rights.

Each of us deals with anti-semitism in his or her own way. To some it is truly a sense of constant terror. To others it's more like a pesky mosquito that just has to be brushed away every now and then. It's puzzling to find this difference in Jewish reactions and it may be a question of positive versus negative Judaism.

Assimilation

After 5,744 years of existence we can admit that there is a price to pay for being Jewish. More correctly, it is the price we pay to remain Jewish. If we were all to assimilate into the melting pots of our home countries, if we were to intermarry, become Episcopalians or Presbyterians, we'd find, in just a few short generations, no more anti-semitism. We'd also find no more Jews.

That is one solution to the problem and one that too many of us are taking. Perhaps not to the degree of religious conversion, but at least to the degree where the belief exists that assimilation soothes all ills.

Israel: Homeland or Just Another Country?

A second solution is Israel. We have our own homeland, reclaimed in this century after an absence of 2,000 years. Yet four times as many of us live outside it as live within its borders.

They won't call you a "Dirty Jew" in Israel. It's the one place on earth where Jews live that the scourge of anti-semitism cannot live. There are threats and dangers in the State of Israel far more terrifying than what we face here. War, harsh economic conditions and the struggle to survive are all part of daily life.

Among my friends in Israel are many who believe that our place is there, that only by exercising our birthright can we ever effectively eradicate anti-semitism. But aside from the enormous pressure any new, massive Exodus would create for that tiny land, such suggestions likely strike a disharmonious chord in many of us to whom the thought of giving up what we have here, in material terms, is unacceptable.

In others, the idea produces skepticism because the prospect can be seen as a "retreat". Armies retreat when their only alternative is annihilation and our situation here is not yet one that should have anyone sounding the retreat.

There is also a currently popular belief that the Diaspora needs a strong Israel and Israel needs a strong Diaspora. It's a lovely phrase, worthy of the best advertising copywriter. But I question its validity. I have difficulty with the belief that one can be a Zionist and not live in Israel. Aliyah is a major and very personal commitment. It is for the individual to determine. But it is a way away from anti-semitism.

Conclusions

If we choose not to disappear through assimilation, if we choose not to seek a fresh start in Israel and we choose to say that this is our home and it is here we will flourish then how do we ultimately reconcile ourselves to carrying the burden of anti-semitism?

I am left with one overwhelming feeling which in turn provides the foundation for my commitment.

It is simply the importance of being Jewish, of recognizing the need to guard that Jewishness and to accept it wholeheartedly.

It is an acceptance of the good and the bad. The good is in what we are and what we have accomplished and what we still will accomplish. The bad is in the knowledge that we will have to carry the burden of anti-semitism.

In the final analysis all we have is ourselves and our Jewishness. We are a quite remarkable people and it is not in our nature to be evil. We know there is no International Jewish Conspiracy. We know there was a Holocaust. Once we are convinced that we are strong, once we reach the point where none feels any shame but only pride, then will we have the power to convince the doubters, help educate the ignorant and lead our friends away from the bigotry of those who make anti-semitism their profession and their cause.

A New Look at Cultural Zionism

Ahad Haam insisted that Zionism should be more than a political programme or a rescue operation; that it should seek to create a new moral and cultural wholeness that would embody, in secular form, the religious and ethical traditions of the Jewish people.

by Louis Greenspan

AT THE CROSSROADS is a collection of papers and essays that were originally delivered during a symposium on Ahad Haam and Cultural Zionism in Toronto on October 14-15, 1980. The scholars who attended this conference and whose work is published in this volume come from all parts of the world: England, the United States, Canada, Israel and Egypt. The editor, Jacques Kornberg, of the University of Toronto's Department of History, has made the essays brief and to the point so that the reader has a series of scholarly snapshots of the ideas and controversies that characterized the Zionist movement in its earliest days. Topics that are touched upon in this volume include the struggle between political and cultural Zionism, the conflicts between the Yiddishists and the Hebraists, and the agonies that arose from the attempt to define a new secular Hebraic Judaism. What is missing is an extended treatment of Ahad Haam's views on the relationship between Jews and Arabs, a surprising omission in this day and age, but we are still left with a treasury of important material.

Ahad Haamism A Subculture

From the earliest days of Zionism as a national movement Ahad Haam and his followers have been active as a subculture and a loyal opposition, claiming to be the custodians of the Zionist conscience. Ahad Haam insisted that Zionism should be more than a political programme or a rescue operation; that it should seek to create a new moral and cultural wholeness that would embody, in secular form, the religious and ethical traditions of the Jewish people. His "cultural Zionism" was summarized in his best known phrase "a Jewish state" rather than a state for Jews. Though many Zionist leaders, notably Theodore Herzl, dismissed the Ahad Haamists as luftmenschen to whom one pays homage on the Sabbath and forgets during the week, others, such as Weizmann, saw cultural Zionism as the heart and soul of the Jewish renaissance. Over the years Ahad Haamism had its ups and downs. It produced outstanding figures such as Gershom Scholem and Martin Buber, but on the whole, catastrophic events and national emergencies kept pushing cultural Zionism to the sidelines.

Yet there were always those who believed that Ahad Haam's hour would come and that his vision would be a beacon to inspire a new Zionism. In our day, when Zionism seems exhausted or somehow off course, one again hears his name. In the mid-seventies a figure as prominent as Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg proclaimed the revival of cultural Zionism, when he announced in a speech in Toronto that the Zionism of Ben Gurion was dead and that the Zionism of Ahad Haam was coming into its own. For a time, a long time, it seemed that half the prophecy was correct. The Zionism of Ben Gurion did indeed suffer an unanticipated decline, but the subculture that emerged was not that of Ahad Haam; rather it was the Revisionist approach of Jabotinsky. In recent years, the inheritors of the Revisionist tradition have been primarily concerned with governing and not with ideology. So perhaps the time is now ripe for the consideration of Ahad Haam and his proposals that we find in these essays.

Jacques Kornberg's lucid introduction to the volume outlines the main themes in Ahad Haam's thought. These themes, he tells us, originate in two central concepts: the first is the concept of Jewish *Volksgeist*, the second the concept of gradualism. The *Volksgeist* (spirit of the people) is, for Ahad Haam, an elemental creative energy which animates Judaism in every phase of its existence. It first expressed itself as the classical Hebrew religion, then as Rabbinic Judaism, but in our age it seeks a new expression, a new Judaica that would embody the secular and scientific culture of our times. Ahad Haam's new secular Judaism, based on the revival of the Hebrew language (unlike the Yiddishists led by Dubnow who in some respects resembled Ahad Haam), could only flourish within the context of a national revival and a national discipline which, says Kornberg, "meant building Jews into a secularized version of the yoke of the law." Gradualism, the second concept, was the conviction that the Jewish revival was a process, a prolonged inner renaissance which could not, occur overnight. The authors make it clear that though Ahad Haam emphasized the building of cultural and educational institutions, he envisaged the emergence of a healthy Jewish body politic, a Jewish state and not simply a Jewish Vatican, as some have supposed. It was a state that would emerge as a ripened fruit, at the end of a process of building, a process that would include among other achievements, finding a "modus vivendi" with the Arabs.

The rest of the volume can be read as a series of commentaries and amplifications of the themes outlined above, as various authors present the pros and cons of Ahad Haamism .

Gradualism A Fatal Flaw

Most agree that the absence of that sense of urgency which animated Zionism and remained one of its vital sources was the fatal flaw in Ahad Haam's gradualism. Zionism emerged in the modern world like one of those demigods described in ancient Greek literature that resembled a pair of Siamese twins attached back to back. One set of eyes saw a rose garden, a healthy world of nations, with the Jews taking their part as members of a state so secure and well integrated into the family of nations that it would not even need an army; the other set saw a world of war and revolutionary upheaval. In its catastrophic mode the Zionists resembled the Leninists, except that the Zionists saw clearly that nationalism would be one of the chief components of the world's revolutionary upheavals, and that in a world of nationalisms on the march, the Jews would not be safe except in their own homeland. This composite vision of horror and promise is what often makes Zionist literature so baffling. Ahad Haam, is the twin with his gaze fixed only on the quality of the rose garden, and it is for this that a number of writers take him to task. Kornberg, who finds Ahad Haam's writings "a moving lament at the decline of Jewish possibilities in the modern era," registers his exasperation with the dogmatism and lack of flexibility with which Ahad Haam clung to his gradualist time table, and for "an approach (that) collided with every impulse that turned Jews into Zionists" (p. 129). David Vital, in his essay entitled "The Zionist Thinker Ahad Haam and Hibbat Tzion," observes that Ahad Haam's dream did not take note of the desperate situation of Eastern European Jewry of his time. "In retrospect," he writes, "the ease with which Ahad Haam was prepared to argue that Jews in the mass would have to seek their own physical salvation themselves while the elite worked out its own in essentially moral and cultural terms is breathtaking" (p. 94).

Secular Judaism A Fundamental Concept

The concept of a Jewish *Volksgeist* that can recreate a new Judaism in secular form is fundamental to Ahad Haam's thought, but at least one of the authors finds it quite muddy. Is there some original "Jewishness" that has the capacity to absorb all outside influences without losing its identity? If so, who is qualified to identify it? Ahad Haam saw this as a new Secular Torah, but not all Hebrew writers were prepared to accept Ahad Haam as the spiritual "mashgiach" for pronouncing what elements of Western culture were kosher and which were treif. In a very interesting essay Stanley Nash tells of a dispute between Ahad Haam and a number of Hebrew writers who wished to express their appreciation for Christianity. Ahad Haam was appalled. He called Joseph Klausner's book on Jesus a "scandal." But on what grounds? What about liberalism and individualism — are they Jewish? Ahad Haam was unclear about these questions.

We could also ask how the *Volksgeist* has developed since Ahad Haam's day. It is true that a secular Jewish or Hebrew culture does exist but it is not entirely what Ahad Haam had envisaged. Thus many Jews speak Hebrew and go to Israel, but with the notable exception of those professionally engaged in Jewish studies, very few allow themselves to come into contact with or be influenced by contemporary Hebrew literature, art or films. Conversely while Jewish writers and artists in Canada — say a Layton, or a Richler — are influenced by Jewish themes that predate Zionism, their source is usually the Yiddish culture of the Diaspora, rather than contemporary Hebrew letters. For the average North American visitor to Israel there is not a new Israeli Hebrew *Volksgeist;* the Jewish Spirit is still Eastern European and Israel often seems through their eyes to be an armed Kasrilivkeh. Israeli commercial artists seem to know this as they still promote pictures of dancing Hassidim with Polish "Kapotes" and etchings of Jerusalem, that gives them the feel of an Eastern European Shtetl.

Given the justice of these criticisms what gives Ahad Haamism its continuing relevance?

Some Concepts Still Valid

First of all while Ahad Haam's vision of a Jewish world in which Israel is at the centre with a Diaspora that flourishes through continuing contact with Zion may have been naive about the relationship between Israel and Eastern European Jewry, it does reflect the relationship between Israel and the Jewish world in North America. Traditional proclamations of the rejection of the exile or the disappearance of North American Jewry are simply repetitions of old dogmas. The relationship that Ahad Haam envisaged is closer to reality than any of the other Zionist visions. The fact that Ahad Haam is barely known in the Diaspora is one of the most curious aspects of our intellectual history. I have noted that the universal Hebrew culture that he envisaged has not emerged in all its fullness

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HELMUT HIRSCH:

The First American Citizen Executed in Germany

by Irwin Pollock

ON June 4, 1937, a twenty year old Jewish youth was executed by the Nazis on the charge of high treason. He had been expeditiously arrested after entering Germany six months before, caught with a suitcase full of explosives in his possession.

Helmut Hirsch was one of a larger than commonly assumed group of pre-war European Jews who took to violence as a means of protesting Nazi persecution. Some of the others included David Frankfurter, who assassinated a Nazi landesgruppenleiter in Switzerland; Stefan Lux, who committed suicide in the assembly of the League of Nations; and Herschel Grynszpan, who shot a German embassy official in Paris.

What makes Hirsch's case unique is that just months before his execution the United States announced that he was an American citizen. Subsequent lobbying efforts to commute the sentence by the American diplomatic corps in Germany, however, failed miserably.

Hirsch was born in Stuttgart in 1916, the son and grandson of Austrian nationals who became naturalized Americans. (Their status eventually was to have a crucial effect on Hirsh's fate.) In 1935 the family moved from Vienna to Prague where Hirsch enrolled in architectural school. Evidently, his attention was not entirely on his education, for he also seems to have nurtured a relationship with the Black Front, a clandestine organization headed by the German dissident and Hitler enemy, Otto Strasser. Hirsch's relationship with Strasser has never been clarified, and whether the youth was in his employ when he was arrested remains a doubtful supposition. There is little doubt, however, that Hirsch's modus operandi was a typical Strasser operation. As well, it would have been entirely in Strasser's interest had Hirsch successfully consummated his task.

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In December 1936 Hirsch applied for a visa at the German legation in Prague under the false pretext that he wanted to visit his mother in Stuttgart. As for his parents, he told them he was going on a ski tour. Unfortunately, the legation discovered that his mother was living in Prague and duly informed the Gestapo of Hirsch's travel plans. (His name was known to the Gestapo because of a previous visit to Stuttgart.) He was arrested on December 20, the morning after he registered, naively in his own name, at a Stuttgart hotel. Some accounts claim Hirsch was betrayed by a Nazi informant planted in Strasser's group and Hirsch himself, according to one of his letters, believed this to be true.

Hirsch's trial was held in camera in the Second Chamber of the People's Court, a ruthless tribunal staffed by two professional judges and five Nazi functionaries (thereby ensuring a "correct" judgement). The court reached its decision on March 8, 1937 but waited two weeks to announce it publicly. Hirsch was found guilty of high treason and possession of explosives for criminal purposes. He was sentenced to death under the terms of the Defence of the Realm Act (passed in April of 1933) which called for capital punishment for the crime in question. The severity of the sentence might also have been influenced by rumors of an assassination plot against Hitler in early March. The People's Court had no appeal procedure — Hirsch's only hope was an unlikely personal reprieve from Adolf Hitler.

The Stateless Jew

The odds for a successful plea of clemency were shortened considerably by Hirsch's national status: he had none. He was officially classified by the Nazis as stateless, and referred to in the Nazi press as the "stateless Jew." He had been carrying a nansen passport, a document issued by the League of Nations to persons without a home government. When questioned on how a stateless person could commit treason, the Ministry of Justice responded that under German law even foreigners could commit such a crime.

Days after Hirsch's sentence was made public American Secretary of State Cordell Hull was urged to intervene diplomatically in the case because Hirsch was now claiming he was registered at birth as an American citizen. After a brief investigation officials of the passport division rejected his claim on the grounds that his father's naturalization was cancelled by a Pennsylvania court after he had remained abroad for more than two years.

One month later, however, the State Department reversed its decision and pronounced Hirsch an American citizen, albeit an unlikely one — he had never set foot in the United States and spoke no English. He thus held the distinction of being the first American citizen sentenced to death in Germany.

Hirsch's grandfather had acquired American citizenship in New York in 1873. His father had automatically inherited the same status and had lived in New Castle, Pennsylvania from 1902 until 1910 when he returned to Austria (under whose flag he would eventually fight in World War One). While technically he forfeited his rights to American citizenship, the ruling was changed on the grounds that he was drafted under duress (he had protested conscription) for which he could not be deprived of his American rights.

Pursuant to the State Department's reversal the American diplomatic staff in Berlin was instructed to attempt to prevent the execution (the date of which was still unannounced) and to provide Hirsch with the necessary legal aid. William Dodd was the American ambassador to Germany at the time. When he received word of the State Department's decision he wrote in his diary: "That makes it necessary for me to visit the Foreign Office and insist that justice be done." Although Hirsch was undeniably assisted by the subsequent lobbying efforts of the American Government. valuable time had already been lost. While the State Department had been deliberating whether Hirsch was or was not an American citizen, he had been arrested, imprisoned, tried, and sentenced to death in a court of no appeal. For four months he had languished, a Jew in a Nazi prison, without the diplomatic aid of any government.

American Intervention Failed

On April 26th the American government addressed a plea of clemency to the German Foreign Office. The message incorporated three points: 1) that Hirsch was a minor; 2) that he had never before been in legal trouble; and 3) that he had been misled by others. The plea was summarily dismissed. A month later Ambassador Dodd dispatched a letter to Hitler stressing that Hirsch "had not done the deed, nor been caught trying to do it, and that he was an American citizen." Hitler replied that leniency was impossible. American consular officials had received permission to visit Hirsch in Ploetzensee prison in Berlin. They reported that Hirsch was resigned to his fate and ready to die. When asked if Hirsch had any comment on the aid of the United States, a consular official quoted Hirsch as saying: "I expect no clemency and I am calm and await death with perfect composure." (*New York Times*, April 25, 1937)

In his diary, Ambassador Dodd surmised that Hirsch "may have wished to kill Streicher whose one profession for five years has been to persecute Jews and drive them out of the country." The *New York Times* reported that, allegedly, Hirsch confessed that there was a plot to assassinate a high government official, supposedly Streicher. (April 25, 1937) That newspaper later reported (June 5, 1937) that Hirsch's target was Streicher's headquarters and publishing plant in Nuremberg.

Hirsch was beheaded early in the morning of June 4, 1937. He had learned of the time of his execution only twelve hours before. The German prosecuter informed the American Counsl that Hirsch "received the news calmly and asked for a cup of coffee and paper with which to write three or four letters to his family." (*New York Times*, June 5, 1937)

To his sister he wrote: "I am to die. Please do not be afraid. I do not feel afraid. I feel released after the agony of not quite knowing." (Shirer, *Berlin Diary*) In the letter to his parents he referred bitterly, and somewhat cryptically, to his exploitation and subsequent betrayal. He blamed those who "without any responsibility and with complete disregard took advantage of a stupid boy's willingness and later brutally betrayed him." (Albert Grzesinski, *Inside Germany*) A rabbi had been summoned and had attended him during his last night.

Newspapers posted on Berlin billboards announced the execution and claimed that Hirsch had worked in the interests of "treasonable elements abroad." Hirsch's parents were informed of the execution on the radio. Although devastated by their son's fate they formally requested, through the offices of the American Consul, that the body be cremated and the ashes be sent home to Prague. Predictably, the German government refused to release the ashes. The remains of those sentenced under the Defence of the Realm Act, according to the authorities, were rarely returned to their families.

CULTURAL ZIONISM

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but certainly there is a Hebrew and Zionist civic religion which now binds Jews more than anything else.

The *Volksgeist* for all its problems did stimulate important developments in Jewish thought and this is ably documented in Kornberg's volume. In the sphere of Jewish philosophy in the early twentieth century Ahad Haamism presented to the highly assimilated Jewish youth of Germany a framework for a revival of Jewish thought. This development is traced in the important essay of Jehuda Reinharz "Ahad Haam, Martin Buber and German Zionism." As the title suggests, the Zionism of Ahad Haam was brought to Germany by Martin Buber who revitalized it with elements of German romanticism. In Germany, Jewish youth in revolt against the rigidity of tradition as well as shallow ideals of the Enlightenment was encouraged to bring about a rebirth of a primal Judaism that went beyond both. Zionism was, à la Buber and Ahad Haam, a means for ending both the physical and spiritual homelessness of Jewish youth. This revival of cultural Zionism in Germany was the source of outstanding achievements, including the work of Gershom Scholem, himself an Ahad Haamist and whose autobiography *From Berlin to Jerusalem*, gives a vivid picture of the appeal of this Zionism to German Jewish youth in the early twentieth century and continues as one of the important schools of Jewish thought today.

The "gradualism" of Ahad Haam was also of greater importance than is often assumed, especially now when the "activism" of the Revisionists is held in such high esteem. This is shown in many of the essays but especially in Ben Halpern's "The Disciple Chaim Weizmann."

Gradualism, the slow building of a homeland, the transformation of the Jews into farmers and workers, the emergence of a Hebrew language, was the programme that gave Zionism a sense of purpose after the dramatic schemes of Herzl were shipwrecked. "Practical" Zionists became the leading tendency in the Zionist movement, and encouraged the work of slow building. Weizmann, one of the leaders, remained close to Ahad Haam who, though dispirited, believed more in what they were doing than in Herzl's wild schemes for a Turkish charter.

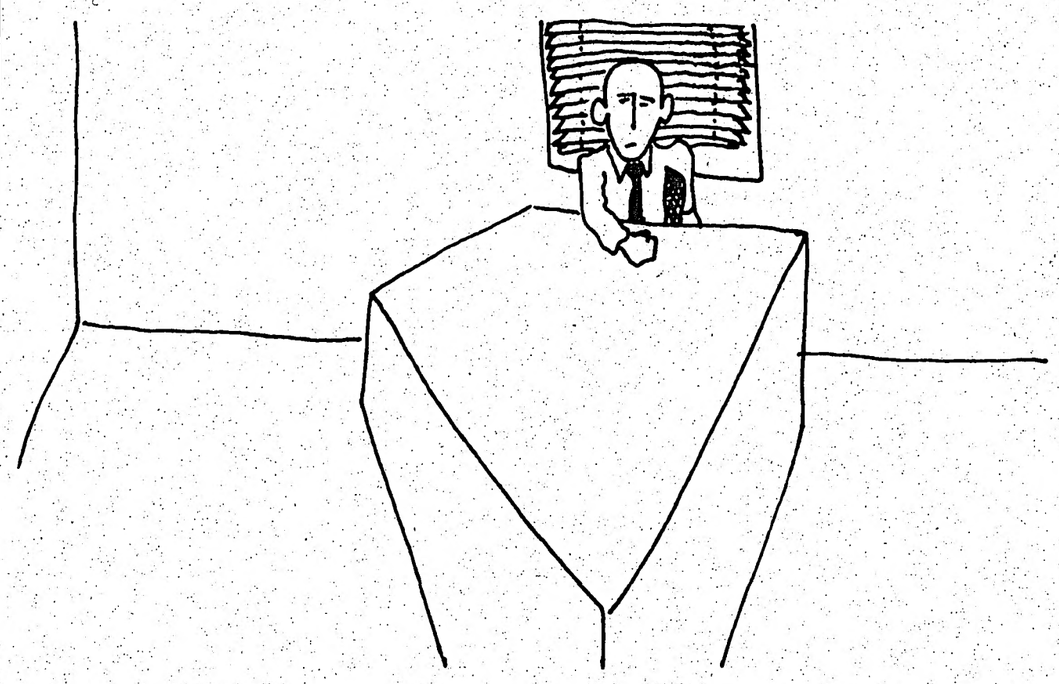
Gradualism Built an Infrastructure

What did gradualism accomplish? It is true that the slow work of building brick by brick, often left gradualism, the Halutz movement, oblivious to the larger events in the political world. The Halutzim were as preoccupied with the conquest of labour and their own self-transformation as though they had settled on the moon. But when the decisive hour arrived in the 1940's, and the decision of what to do with Palestine had to be made, what was crucial in bringing about the reality of a Jewish state was not the Holocaust or the Irgun revolt, but rather the fact that the infrastructure, a Jewish political and social republic, already existed as the result of the patient labour of practical Zionism and gradualism. In this Weizmann and Ahad Haam were vindicated. The essays that I have noted and those that space does not allow me to consider are a noteworthy contribution to the assessment of cultural Zionism. Can cultural Zionism succeed? The great Swiss historian Burkhardt lamented that cultural values could no longer be embodied in the modern democratic state. Perhaps he was right, for in Israel a number of Hebrew writers have expressed their alienation from the state. This volume makes it clear that the tension between the cultural and moral vision of Ahad Haam's Zionism and the politics of the movement, a tension that has become so severe in recent years, was there from the beginning. But Ahad Haamism did succeed in becoming one of the vital streams of Zionism, a stream that historically the movement cannot live with or without.

Fiction

The Helper

by Miriam Packer



"He could imagine himself gazing significantly out of a larger office window as he talked to the clients with the wisdom of a real professional. For a second Rustner felt better. He had, after all, studied for four years to become a professional social worker; it was a dignified and worthy title."

OVER the years Rustner spent working for the agency, he had developed a habit of sucking his gums, partly, it seemed, to relieve some unidentified hurt in them and partly to enable him to think more clearly. He thought constantly. He thought about his work, about his wife, his father, and he thought about the boys he went to high school with, the boys who had become scholars, lawyers and accomplished businessmen. On Monday morning, Rustner was particularly thoughtful and depressed. He sat in his tiny office and brooded.

There were hurts for Rustner to bear. Just yesterday, he had gone to the bakery for his Sunday treat of bagels, cottage cheese and a little of that rich cheese cake with strawberry topping that soothed his gums. He was feeling good. His wife, Sheila, was with him, and she had dressed for him. True, her beige linen skirt was tight around the stomach, and consequently a little shorter in the front than in the back, but he had urged her to put on a girdle, and with the girdle and her black vinyl purse, she looked quite smart. She had the well-groomed appearance of the other wives he saw at the bakery on Sundays, those confident women who pointed out their food selections carelessly with polished fingernails and glittering rings and dangling bracelets. Sheila looked almost like one of them, he thought, less expensive, but passable.

Rustner was wearing his favorite casual-rich outfit, his good, freshly cleaned brown slacks and his new beige shirt, several buttons undone at the top, the way he had seen those buttoned, affluent men wear theirs. He was proud of Sheila and of himself too — so proud that he remembered to suck his gums less frequently even though they ached a little.

But when he walked into the bakery, it was all ruined. That good proud feeling left him as soon as he spotted Senson, who had been such a nothing in high school, a shy, pale, poor boy with just average marks. There was Senson, standing near the pickled fish counter, one tanned arm around the waist of his wife, an exquisitely fashionable young woman with sleek black hair and a slender well-kept body. When had Senson developed those shoulders and that height? How did his wife manage to look so delicately young and rich? Rustner suddenly felt furious at Sheila's wide girdled hips, her humbled round shoulders, crooked run in her stockings. He felt silly in his ridiculous open-collared shirt; his gums began to ache meanly.

Red-faced and panicky, he pulled Sheila quickly out of bakery, afraid that Senson might see him and talk down to him. To hell with the creamy cheese cake, Rustner thought. He had led Sheila across the busy street in front of the bakery and down the two blocks to their flat, opened a can of sardines, and ate them while he was standing, dripping sardine oil carelessly over his new beige shirt.

Rustner, still smarting from yesterday's hurt, sat at his desk waiting for Mr. Wiener to come for his ten o'clock appointment. Senson had opened up all the old sores. Rustner thought about his father, the way the old man slaved and worried all his life and died broke. He thought bitterly about the size of his office window — a pathetic little hole, hardly a window at all compared to the larger picture windows all the other workers had. He suffocated in this trap daily. He could imagine himself gazing significantly out of a larger office window as he talked to the clients with the wisdom of a real professional. For a second Rustner felt better. He had, after all, studied for four years to become a professional social worker; it was a dignified and worthy title. And he had to admit that when things went really smoothly with a case, when he managed to efficiently iron out all the little problems and get prompt, tangible results, he felt pleased with himself.

Rustner sipped some coffee and relaxed a little. What did it matter, after all, if the others had gotten the bigger offices with dignified-looking rugs? Was it really even important that he had somehow been relegated to the financial cases at the Family Welfare Agency and that the others had prestigious-sounding caseloads, their clients in need of therapy, *supportive intervention*, rather than simple financial assistance?

The next sip of coffee was sour; the word "therapy" always made him feel sour. The image of suntanned Senson flashed through his mind again. Senson had become a lawyer and gotten himself right up there with Robinson & Wright; Rustner had looked him up in the phone book last night to check. And where had *he* gotten in his agency? he asked himself. Nowhere — that was the awful persistent truth. He had never been assigned one pure therapy case; after ten years of diligent service in this agency the only work he was ever allowed to do was hand out money, arrange budgets, help yellow old men and tiring greedy women complete their requests for old-age pensions, disability pensions, family assistance, and every sort of supplementary assistance. How humiliating to be locked into this little box at the end of the corridor only to fill in slips of paper. How utterly shaming it was at staff meetings to hear Lane, the agency director, say without hesitation, "Mr. Rustner, you can go now. We're about to begin consultation with Dr. Rickdorf about the counselling and therapy cases. This doesn't really apply to you."

Rustner slammed his fist hard on the desk; the pile of yellow financial assistance sheets flew off. His gums hurt badly now; his yellow papers were all over the floor, and his hands were sweating.

Rustner's office door opened slowly. When he looked up, he saw Mr. Wiener walking in, carrying his cane in one hand, and at least five grubby envelopes in the other. Rustner watched him drop his body heavily into the chair closest to him and start to talk in a loud voice, high-pitched with anxiety: "Another letter, Rustner. Again a refusal. What should I do? I'm sixty-six already. I paid taxes all my life, didn't I?" Leaning forward, he pushed the most recent letter towards Rustner. Rustner waved his hand to silence Wiener. "Just hold on a minute, Wiener, OK?" He picked up the letter wearily and started to read. The old-age application form had been inadequately completed, the letter informed; details of Wiener's exact date of arrival in Canada some fifty years back had been inconsistent. The ship, *Magentic*, from which he had disembarked was not the same ship as had been reported earlier.

Rustner looked up at Wiener's flushed worried face, and pitied him. He remembered his own father's anxiety during the slow season in the clothing business, how he used to call the foreman three times a day to ask if maybe a little work would come in soon, perhaps a rush job from the contractor before the season picked up again. He remembered the way his old man would sweat and panic about rent day, pacing around the house, worrying, always worrying about what would happen if he was caught a few dollars short. His memories were interrupted by the sound of Wiener tapping his cane on the floor. Wiener impatiently stuttered: "This is your job, after all, Mr. Rustner. You help only with the pensions here."

Rustner leaned back slowly in his chair and smiled carefully. "No, Mr. Wiener, you're quite wrong there. It's your job, you see. It's your pension, isn't it now? I can help you to help yourself; you'll simply have to trace the name of that ship."

Wiener was coughing now, paling with helplessness. "Go home this evening and call your sister again. Ask her to look through her papers. The name of the ship must be listed accurately on one of them," Rustner told him.

"She doesn't know, I told you before. She looked." Wiener waved his hands vaguely, a frail gesture of hopelessness. Rustner reached for a pen, wrote a date on the Wiener folder, and started to file it in his desk drawer. "That's all, Mr. Wiener," he said, "my next client is waiting." Wiener shakily got up to go, drained of his earlier energy.

Later that evening Rustner remembered Wiener's raging cough and his wrinkled hands. He vowed that he would look after the Wiener case in the morning, write a letter to the Pension Board explaining the inadequacy of ship records available, and asking for immediate reconsideration of the case.

But the next morning, Wiener was in again, waiting for Rustner in the agency lobby when he arrived, hurrying him with his own anxiety, waving his wretched old cane. "Rustner, I couldn't find anything. My sister doesn't know. I'm up already since five in the morning, I can't sleep with these worries. I'll end up in a home yet, God forbid. You must do something, Rustner."

Rustner flushed a little at the sound of Wiener's loud voice, imagining the lifted eyebrows and contemptuous expressions of the two other workers who were just checking in at the front desk behind them in the otherwise silent lobby. Wiener was edging up to Rustner, tugging at his sleeve and talking right into his face. "Rustner, Rustner, do something. Be a mensch. This pension business will finish me. Without my own little roof I'll die. Call . . . right away. Write maybe a letter. You know how, make somewheres a connection."

Wiener's breath was stale. He had moved so close to Rustner that the spray of spit escaping from his mouth caught Rustner right in the eye. Rustner stiffened. He tried discreetly to wipe the spit from his eye. "You haven't an appointment, Mr. Wiener," he said.

"What difference, an appointment . . . A man can't sleep all night, needs yet an appointment?"

Rustner saw the two young workers at the water cooler looking up and watching him critically. No, he decided, I won't write that letter today, I can't be had that easily. He led Wiener swiftly into his office, just to avoid a public scene. He sat with him for five minutes, dismissing him curtly, advising him that he, Rustner, didn't perform magic. The-

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Viewpoints

THE HELPER

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se things took time. A man had to work harder at what was important to him and Wiener would have to work harder at finding the name of his ship.

At the staff meeting the next day, Rustner watched the heavy immigrant woman's breasts as she spoke. They were large and hard-looking breasts, and she folded her arms around them every-time she finished making a point. Everyone seemed to be watching her with admiration, listening to her case review with awe, and afterwards, they asked animated questions.

"Helga, how did you manage to overcome the client's initial resistance?" one worker asked. "You did a marvellous job."

Helga spoke slowly and carefully, confident enough to take her time.

"I'm particularly interested in the way you used transference techniques here. Could you elaborate on this?' another asked.

Helga spoke again, joking a little, certain of being right about her technique. She had been in this country for only ten years and had become very well-known in that short time.

Rustner raged at the respect she inspired; he sat quietly in the corner, cursing those breasts. When they served coffee after the meeting, he left in a hurry. He didn't want coffee; he wouldn't have known which group to sit with anyway.

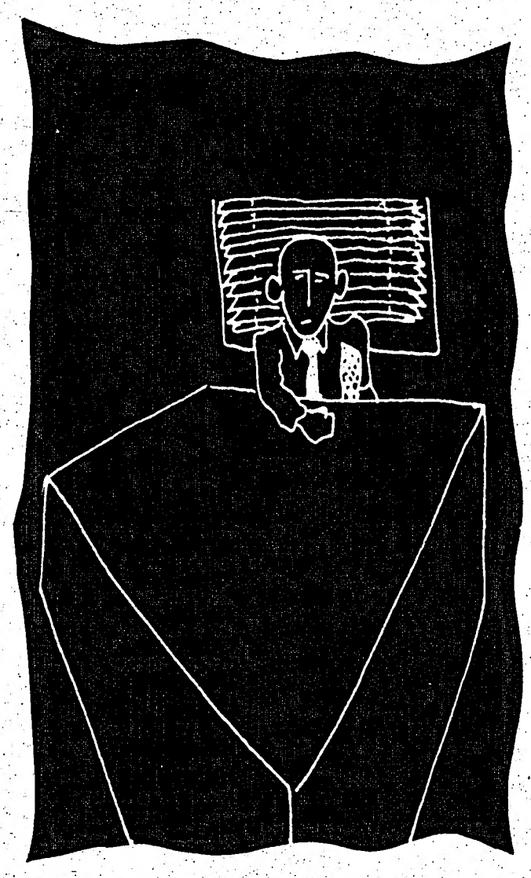
After lunch, he met with Mr. Marks, Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Sawchu, and Miss Smith. Marks needed a hearing aid, and welfare didn't cover that; he had to have an official request. Abrams had to have taxi tickets; her back problem had gotten worse, and she just couldn't manage the buses on her own anymore. Sawchuk had taken his four kids and the wife out for a meal and a movie — his crippled boy's fourteenth birthday — and now he didn't have quite enough for the rent. And Miss Smith had just spent eight dollars for the year's water tax, and she needed a supplement. She had been eating peanut butter and those cheap noodles for two weeks now; she was bloated, constipated and depressed — and her supply of noodles was running out.

Rustner worked at their forms quickly and furiously avoiding their faces, unable to block out the image of Helga's bold breasts and her large confident voice.

By the time Wiener arrived at four, Rustner was tired and hungry. Today Wiener looked paler and smaller than usual, a frightened little man. His voice was somehow quieter and less demanding while he explained his landlord's threat. Wiener was two months behind in his rent, and the landlord wanted his money now. He could pay him, Wiener admitted, with the one hundred dollars he had in the bank and the forty dollars his sister would lend him, but what about next month? Ah, if his poor wife were alive; she would speak better than he. His wife had had a voice for landlords.

Rustner watched Wiener's eyes glisten as he told of his wife's courage with the fat boisterous landlord on Clark Street, the one who had put their furniture out on the street. Despite himself he was engrossed in Wiener's passionate description of his wife Leah running right up to the fat man and hurling insults at him, shaming the landlord into embarrassed retreat.

He saw Wiener nodding his head sadly and clearly heard his frail voice quavering as he finished his tale of Leah's triumph. "Oh, but Rustner," Wiener murmured, "this landlord, mine, is a different story. He's skinny and educated, and he talks quiet-like, slow. He



told me yesterday he can't give me free rent . . . maybe I would be better in a rest home, he says. He cuts my throat when he says that . . . a home would right away kill me. Leah — may she rest in peace — can't help me now."

Rustner felt sorry for Wiener, remembering his own father's constant terror of landlords, the way he always worried about the roof over his head. God, Rustner thought, can I ever get away from this? First my skinny, frightened father and now Wiener. Why couldn't I have a father with a big cigar, who would send me to medical school or set me up in business? Always nothing but that skinny fear . . . No wonder I'm here, no wonder I'm nothing here. He pictured Helga's big strong breasts, and he suddenly hated Wiener and his snivelling fear. "OK, Mr. Wiener, our time is up for today," he said. "Look again for your papers. We'll meet on Friday."

"But Mr. Rustner, if I don't get my pension cheque I'm finished next month . . . no bed, no mattress. If you take away my roof, you kill me, Rustner."

Wiener's pleading frightened voice again reminded Rustner of his father's lifelong helplessness. He had been relieved when his father finally died and left him alone. "We'll meet on Friday, Mr. Wiener," he said. "Remember I can't do your work for you." Go to hell, he thought.

When Rustner tried to make love to his wife that night, something choked him again. Sheila lay there, passive and reticent. He thought of the way she served his supper, of the way she served his bed — unenthusiastically, but with a poor wife's sense of duty to her bread-winner, to the husband, he thought, who kept a roof over her head. Not the professional — just the bread-winner. He clutched at her thin breasts frantically, urging fantasies of Rustner the Landlord, but he felt no power. He fumbled furiously with her silent hips, but no life came. Instead, Helga's confident breasts and his father's skinny fear. He looked at Sheila's face for some sign of eagerness or at least disappointment at his impotence; instead he saw only her flat mute expression of humble acceptance, maybe even relief. He wanted to smack her face, to rouse her somehow into some form of shocked aggression. He went to the kitchen, made himself a cup of tea, and thought of Wiener. Let the old bastard squirm, he thought.

On Friday, Wiener didn't show up for his appointment on time. He came a half hour late, slower and much calmer than usual, saying little, except that he hadn't found anything that would help. Rustner said he would write a letter to the authorities, but Wiener sat still. "I could help with this letter," Rustner repeated, but Wiener only nodded with exhausted resignation.

"Ah, Rustner," Wiener said weakly, "what can you do? Maybe you could help, maybe not. You're a hard worker, but a worker, a simple man, like me. Would they even listen to you?"

Rustner sat still awhile, looked at Wiener, said nothing, looked away. "Who knows?" Wiener repeated weakly, "The bosses . . . do they listen to people like us?"

Rustner's stomach tightened and his gums jabbed at him cruelly. "My feeling, Mr. Wiener, is that you don't really *want* to help yourself."

"Rustner!" Wiener broke in angrily, "What do I ask? Such a big job you have here? Such a big job to help an old man which he can't so much help himself?"

Rustner cleared his throat and spoke in his calmest professional voice. "Perhaps, Mr. Wiener . . . perhaps you would be happiest in a home for the aged, just as your landlord suggested."

He was going to continue when Wiener, his eyes brimming with tears, suddenly looked up and steadily stared at him. He kept his eyes fixed on Rustner's face as though, in the midst of his grief, he had been stopped by the recognition of something there, a piece of a puzzle, an answer to a mystery.

"Why, Rustner?" he asked. "Why? What makes a man like you should be so mean? What dybbuk makes you should stick a knife around and around in me on purpose?

Rustner was bewildered by Wiener's question, frightened by the conviction in Wiener's wet eyes. He felt wretchedly cold and brutal. He could see Wiener's face growing steadily paler, his hands beginning to tremble convulsively, his body seeming to dwindle as he sat there, hunched over now. He wanted to reach out to comfort Wiener, to touch the old ugly wrinkled hand, but his own hands felt monstrously heavy, defiantly limp and weak, and his aching gums kept tearing at him, filling him with the distinct taste of blood.

LIFE IN SYNAGOGUE

I sit in the front row of the balcony,
The red velvet bench with its wooden back,
is stiff and cold.
My feet are tired.
They cannot reach the floor
I squirm in my place seeking a small moment of comfort.

With little forethought I begin
to rip hundreds of kleenexes into tiny pieces,
I drop them onto the ladies' hats below me,
who have come here to beg forgiveness.

As I look up
I see my Father

I see the Rabbi
they are watching me.

My father is pondering why his youngest daughter

cannot sit still.

The Rabbi is wondering:

what sort of mockery is this?
who dares to defile the holiest day of the year,
with a childish prank?

I can see him straining not to shout
his heart pounding at the thought
of my insolence.

We look each other in the face

I know
that no punishment

can erase the memory of my joyous defiance.

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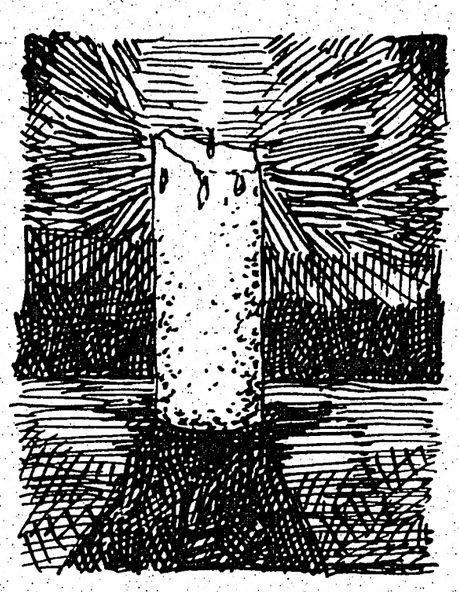

A CANDLE BURNS

a candle burns
through the day
and night
I can write
no more
of battlefields
your deaths
of a nation
bleeding
of flowers, fresh in clusters
on your graves
the siren
scalding my soul. . .
a candle burns
the flame straight
and strong
as you were
as you want me
to be

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